BEVERLY BROUGH CAMPBELL

RECORD

OF THE LIFE OF

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VOLUME I

EVERYDAY I SHALL PUT MY PAPERS IN ORDER

AND EVERYDAY I SHALL SAY FAREWELL.

AND THE REAL FAREWELL WHEN IT COMES,

WILL ONLY BE A SMALL OUTWARD CONFIRMATION

OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN

DAY TO DAY

Etty Hulesum

PROLOGUE

This historical narrative of my life is written for the express purpose of leaving to my posterity, my church and those I value, a record of the path I traveled with the hope that there may be one small part of it that will inform, provide insight or help build confidence and faith.

This project began to take shape when I was asked some years ago by Brigham Young University and later by the Church History Department for my papers. After long years of discussion it was decided that these papers would be physically housed in the Church History Department with digitized copies of all contained therein made available to all three Church universities.

The following, taken from a letter written to them, expresses my feelings in this regard. "Please know I am honored that you would consider the records chronicling my life worthy of preservation. I have been very ambivalent about this as I have only done what so many of our good members have done; put one foot in front of the other as I sought to do my very best for the Kingdom and to magnify my life and my callings.

I am so grateful to have been used in some small way by a benevolent and amazing God. If anything preserved herein helps historians understand this period of our Church's history and it's international expansion or helps women better understand how much they are needed by the Lord to bring to pass His purposes then it is worthwhile".

However, for me personally, it is about my family and generations to come. Informed by the prophets of every age, I have come to understand that we must let the past play its rightful part. We have been admonished that unless we leave records to connect generations, as time passes these links will be lost. When that occurs, precious progeny may be left stranded at a personal, religious or societal level.

As to this undertaking, it has been a most incredible journey of remembering. I am glad I waited until my 81st year to complete it. My vision and perspective are clearer distanced from the heat of the fray.

I am equally glad I saved notes, journals, day timers, correspondence, reports, and even a few pictures, items which have caused me not only to recall but, like a motion picture running through my mind's eye, to see it all again.

I have tried to be very accurate as to dates, people and events, particularly during what I refer to as the "International Years". If perchance, I've gotten something incorrect, in the wrong year, or left someone or something out, please forgive me and make notations for correction. The memories recorded are mine and may not be another's. Memories are but pieces of a larger mosaic and when other pieces are in place they present a whole picture.

I've included a brief look at the journey which brought each of my forebears to Zion in this text that their courage and heroic sacrifices continue to link us, past, present and future.

HOW THIS HISTORY IS STRUCTURED

I have found my life quite naturally divides into six singularly identifiable segments, each building on the preceding one. Therefore I have divided my papers and written my history accordingly. Such division, much like chapter headings, should make it easier for those using these papers to identify periods of interest to them.

- **The Shaping Years** – Birth through Marriage. 1931-1954
- **The Building Years** – Family and Children 1954-1968

  Classique. Cotillion and Wendy Ward
- **The D.C. Years Begin** 1969-1977

  Kennedy Foundation and the Special Olympics
- **The Years of Change, Challenge and Choice** 1978-1984

  ERA and Daughter Called Home
- **The International Years** 1985-1997

  "Church's Ambassador to the Ambassadors"
- **The Uncharted Years** – Writing and Actuality 1998-2014

Volume I recounts my experiences during what I have come to call *The International Years*. It was to preserve the records of those years that this history was started.

Volume II starts with my early years and proceeds chronologically to the end time, excluding *The International Years.* It is my hope that you will see how each set of years, with attendant experiences and challenges, prepared me for the next.

Volume III is for use by Church historians to be found in the Church History Department. It contains the Quarterly Reports submitted to my Presiding Authorities during the International Years.

A BRIEF REVIEW OF MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE.

Director of International Affairs: *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (1984 to 1997). Helped manage efforts to develop, improve, and expand relations with foreign countries through relationships with Ambassadors and Embassies in Washington, D.C. and at the United Nations in New York City and with In-Country leaders. Responsible for initiating and coordinating targeted national and international projects, humanitarianism, and religious rights issues. Also initiated contact and worked with national and international media.

Senior Partner and President: *Campbell, Peachey and Associates* (1976 to 1979). Developed and implemented public relations plans for national and international initiatives and events for diverse groups of public, business, and entertainment enterprises.

Coordinating Director: *Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation* (1971 to 1975). Responsible for all aspects of organization, creative management and development, grant review and issuance, legislative monitoring, liaison with key national and international organizations, and symposia.

Director, Community Relations: *Special Olympics, Inc.* (1967 to 1971). Played a major role in the creation, initiation and development of the Special Olympics programs, a program initiated for the mentally handicapped, but which now serves millions around the world.

CEO: *Cambro International*, a holding company under which real estate and other business undertakings were identified.

Creator: *Wendy Ward* (1960 to 1966). Name and trade mark designed as umbrella for major marketing programs to reach teen market throughout Montgomery Ward empire; including development and design of books, training materials, training of staff and implementation of in-store charm Centers and boutiques. This program played a significant role in rejuvenating profit centers for this national conglomerate.

Senior Partner: Classique Schools and Cosmetics: (1957-1962). Chain of finishing schools teaching personal improvement and art of self-programs to all age groups.

Board of Directors: *Franklin Quest/Franklin Covey Corporation.*

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL:

- Board of Directors: National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Capital Area Region;
- Executive Board Member: Religion in American Life;
- Board of Directors: National Commission Against Drunk Driving. Participated in the Presidential Commission Against Drunk Driving;
- Member: White House Drug and Violence Summit;
- National Advisory Committee: independent Sector;
- Board: Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (National Interfaith Cable Network).
- Founding Board Members: Very Special Arts Committee;
- Founding Board Members: National Committee of Arts for the Handicapped;
- Founding Member: American Family Society;
- Steering Committee: Virginia Division for Children;
- Steering Committee: Greater National Capital Area Boy Scouts of America;
- Member: American Women in Radio and Television;
- Member: National Press Club;
- President's Roundtable of Advisors: Brigham Young University;
- National Advisory Committee: School of Management, BYU;
- Alumni Board of Directors: Brigham Young University;
- Board of Directors: Utah Festival Opera Company.

INTERNATIONAL:

- Assisted Mrs. Liana Dubinin, wife of the former Soviet Ambassador, in establishing Children of Crisis; and organization which now serves throughout Europe;

- Served on Board of Directors, Polish Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation with founder, Mrs. Irene Kozminsky, wife of the Ambassador Of Poland;
- Assisted Mrs. Sally Mugabe, former First Lady of Zimbabwe, with her Child Survival Foundation;
- As a memorial to her daughter, she and her husband have assumed responsibility for assisting villages with textbooks, drilling wells and building dams and establishing a scholarship fund for school children.

AUTHOR

- *Eve and the Choice Made in Eden;*
- *Eve and the Moral Journey;*
- *You Don't Have to Slay My Dragons;*
- *Numerous chapters in books, articles in magazines and news columns.*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- As Director of The International Affairs Office, headquartered in the National Press Building of Washington, D.C., served as a resource to The Council of the Twelve Apostles as 'they built up the Church in all nations," and acted in response to their requests and/or requests of their assigned agents;
- Director of the North America Northeast Area Public Communications Council;
- Public Communications National Advisory Committee;
- Past President of the Young Women's Program for Oakton, Virginia Stake;
- Chairperson, LDS Citizen's Coalition of Virginia;
- Spokesperson for Church on ERA and Women's Issues;
- Appeared in behalf of the Church on Donahue Show, Larry King, Sonya Live, etc.
- Teacher or advisor in most auxiliaries.

FAMILY

Beverly is married to Arwell Pierce Campbell and is mother of three children: Thomas Arwell, Marc Bradley, and Heather Ann.

They have six grandchildren: Thomas Justin, Robert Pierce, Matthew Craig, Michael Alexander, and Heather Catlin, children of Thomas, and Marc Bradley Campbell, Jr., Marc's son. As of this writing there is one great grandchild, Wells Thomas, son of Thomas Justin (TJ).

HONORS

- Distinguished Public Service Award, BYU Management Society.
- Distinguished Alumni Award, BYU for outstanding contributions.
- Distinguished Service: National Conference for Community and Justice.
- Presidential Citation: Brigham Young University.

THE INTERNATIONAL YEARS

1985-1997

INTRODUCTION

It was both surprising and humbling when late in 1984 I was asked to undertake an uncharted journey with an unknown outcome. It is the story of that journey that this segment of my history addresses.

For those who are reading only this section of my history let me give some perspective by looking back to the spring of 1983. At this time, Pierce and I thought we should chart the next phase of our lives. Tom and Marc were married. Heather had taken a break from college to work on Capitol Hill; we were empty nesters. It was now time to address life's new and exciting challenges and possibilities.

Our first undertaking was to embark on yet another home building project. We had often talked of the elements of design which needed to come together to create not only a beautiful home but which would marry the principles of Palladian architecture with simplified and user friendly spaces. Loving the challenge of designing and construction I set out to create a home for living and entertaining, with lots of extra room to accommodate our children, current and future grandchildren, extended family and our many friends from around the world.

Pierce had become an expert on land along the entire stretch of Potomac River and had found us a rare and amazing piece of real estate. It was accessed by exiting the George Washington Parkway onto a tiny, winding road seeming to go nowhere, but which led to a high rocky point overlooking the stunning Little Falls of the historic Potomac River.

From that vantage point you could see Georgetown University and the skyline of Washington, DC. I still remember the day he took me to see this incredible view. I could barely breath it was so stunning. I reveled in the lush centuries old trees, which filled the landscape. Dogwoods, some 60 or so, ringed the entire property, and they were intermingled with towering Red Buds. The land backed onto very secluded park and CIA-Langley land, yet was just fifteen minutes via the George Washington Parkway to the White House.

I felt nothing but joy as I began designing a house appropriate to the setting. Pierce and I had very similar tastes in houses and furnishing and we found the process exhilarating and very friendly. As construction began I spent most of my days on site supervising the building process acting both as architect and contractor. Pierce gave me full rein – his only requests – that there be a proper library in the house and that that room be lined with book

shelves to house his much loved and frequently used books and that he have a 'man cave' near the garage entrance that he could keep as cluttered as he wanted.

On a day early in the fall of that year there appeared on the steps of this nearly completed home a dear friend and senior member of the Quorum of Seventies, Royden Derrick. He and Allie had been both mentor and friends when we were just starting out as young marrieds; all the more surprising because they were one of the "power couples" of Salt Lake City at the time. (How important mentors are – and because we have had so many throughout the years we have, in turn, tried to mentor many young people.)

While still standing on the steps, Royden voiced this thought: "Beverly, this house is being built for the Lord's purposes." My initial thought was, "How lovely, I will use these words as a reminder to make this house available to the Ward and the Stake for social activities and firesides," but thought nothing further.

Heather moved back to Washington just in time to help us move into the house at Thanksgiving. She was at a crossroads and so decided to stay in the new house with us and work a bit while determining what she wanted to do next. She had two young men who were in love with her but rather than marriage she was thinking about a mission.

In spring of 1984, Pierce and I travelled to the North of Spain with our valued friends Jim and Fay Fletcher and others. It was late on the night of May 11th that we received a phone call, which would forever alter who we were and place us in the midst of the Refiner's fire.

The call was from our son Tom. Our beloved Heather was lying in a Virginia hospital with no brain activity registering. This was the result of a single car accident, which occurred as she was driving home from work on the George Washington Parkway. We had to make the decision to take her off life support, as she had an organ donor card in her wallet. With Jim driving and Fay at his side we raced from the northern most part of Spain through the darkest of nights, traversing harrowing hairpin roads, to Madrid for the flight home. Those events are recounted in the previous section detailing the events of 1984.

Through the years I've learned that if one can just make it through the fire there will be another sunrise, another day of laughter and that one can again know feelings of joy. I wasn't sure I could weather this; it was just too

blistering. I was shored up by the passages in Malachi as he relates, "God will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver".

Why that analogy? It seems that in order to refine silver the craftsman must hold the silver in the midst of the fire where the flames are hottest to allow all impurities to be purged. The refiner must be ever vigilant, never taking his eyes off the silver, for if it is in the flames a moment too long it will be destroyed. When a silversmith was asked how you knew when the silver is fully refined he answered: "That's easy, when I can see my image in it".

When that trial was at its worst I found comfort in knowing that God was watching and waiting until it was enough, until we were purified and ready to be used again for His Divine purposes.

It was a dreary December day in 1984 when we answered another 'knock' on our door. At that time an unusual and unprecedented call was extended. Would I accept an assignment to establish an office in Washington, DC, which could help advance the voice and acceptance of the Church at an international level? The need: access. Doors to nations needed to be opened, and the present method wasn't advancing the work as well or as quickly as was needed.

Although the initial thought was to use my contacts and experience with the media at the national and international level, I felt we needed to move to develop relations with and gain access to key diplomats.

My previous D.C. experience had taught me that our best hope of reaching into other nations and their leaders was to begin with the Ambassadors serving their countries in the Embassies of Washington, D.C. and at the United Nations in New York. These men and women were figuratively the Presidents of their countries in Washington; they were sources and voices that in-country leaders turned to when questions arose about our Church and its bone fide.

After a time of primary focus on all forms of national and international media, I began an earnest and unrelenting effort to see that the doors to these Embassies were open to us and thus began the most incredible journey of our lives; a journey filled with intense and sometimes seemingly impossible work, but always filled with joy, wonder and miracles. In this endeavor I can say that I literally saw the Lord micro-managing the work of His church on our earth, moving hearts, moving peoples, and moving positions.

At that time almost two-thirds of the world was part of the International Mission. There was a great need to find ways that our highest leaders might go into these nations to meet with their key players, that the lands might be dedicated, that the Church might be given proper authorization to organize, that members might be allowed to gather, and that our missionaries might enter into or stay in those countries.

This International Mission fell under the watchful eye of assigned members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and this enormous task of opening the doors of all nations to the gospel rested firmly on their shoulders. Elder Russell M. Nelson in speaking of this quoted the scriptural promise: "The Twelve . . . shall have power to open the door of my kingdom unto any nation whithersoever [the First Presidency] shall send them.

He also reminded that the Lord said, "I will hasten my work in its time," and that "with God, nothing shall be impossible." In this assignment I was to act as a resource to them and their assigns and Pierce was called and set apart to support me as needed as husband and partner, which he did heroically.

That home, overlooking the Potomac, in fulfillment of the earlier prophetic statement, became known as the 'Embassy'. Inside its walls, ambassadors and presidents and other leaders of nations were introduced to Prophets and Apostles, senators and CEOs, allowing them to know more of our people, our needs, our beliefs and our desires to allow the blessings of the Gospel to flow to the peoples of their countries.

I came to know of a certainty the absolute truth of the words of Orson Whitney, uttered some 150 years prior: "God is using not only his covenant people, but other people as well to consummate a work, stupendous, magnificent, and altogether too arduous for this little handful of saints to accomplish by and of themselves."

During this period I was directed to, drawn to, or 'sent' by seemingly unknown forces to people who were essential to the work, or people were sent to me. It was not unusual upon meeting these people as strangers that we greeted one another as friends.

I saw the work of the Gospel move forward on a timetable, which could only be accounted for if you accept that God's agenda for His Church to have a presence in every country was also on fast-forward. I learned, based on my own experience, that He had carefully placed those who were chosen before the world was, in positions in government, embassies and countries to serve

at the right time and in the right way – if only to perform a single task – if only for a moment. These are the stories I will tell but before I begin let me relay a few statistics.

At the beginning of 1985 when our office opened the Church was organized in 95 sovereign countries. There were 27,655 full time missionaries serving in 180 missions. Church membership was at 5,650,000. There were 1,507 stakes with 17 temples in operation and 10 more planned or under construction. We were all elated with the progress that was being made,

As I am completing this in the spring of 2013, the progress has been miraculous. The Church membership is nearing fifteen million in 176 nations/territories. There are 141 temples dotting the earth with several more planned or under construction. There are 56,000 full time missionaries, 340 missions and 22,000 Church service missionaries.

Throughout the years I often recalled the words of the first Prophet of this dispensation, Joseph Smith, as he was counseling those courageous souls gathered with him at Zion's Camp: *"You don't comprehend our destiny. It is only a little handful of Priesthood you see here tonight but this church will fill North and South America – it will fill the world."* In the ensuing 12 years I saw this prophesy literally fulfilled.

STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE

I have been asked to provide in-depth information on these international initiatives and activities including names and titles of people worked with during that critical time in our Church's history along with some of my insights and feelings.

As noted in the introduction, the reason for this is that my papers and this International history be housed in the Church History Department in Salt Lake City, for use by future historians and researchers. They in turn will have digital copies made and sent to the three Church universities for use by students and scholars who may be studying this period or the issues addressed during this time or by those working on Women's Studies.

As I was pondering the importance of being so detailed, I was drawn to the 10th chapter of Doctrine in Covenants, which is a reminder that we all must have faith in the importance of keeping records and in the importance of the records we are keeping. I have tried to honor that.

With this in mind I will include the Mission Statement of our office and briefly outline my working arrangements. This statement was developed after the third year of this assignment when it became clear that my primary work needed to be with the International community. We now had a vision of initiatives that were needed, how they might be undertaken and who we needed to have as allies.

Developed and approved, this statement brought focus to those who served and those who requested our service. Its inclusion may help you understand why we did what we did, thus releasing me from long explanations regarding the genesis and reason for each initiative or activity.

MISSION STATEMENT: The International Affairs Office headquartered in Washington D.C. will serve as a resource to the First Presidency and Council of the Twelve as they "build up the Church in all nations". Through this office Beverly Campbell, as the Church's Ambassador to the Ambassadors, will manage efforts to develop, improve and or expand relations with foreign countries by contact with ambassadors and embassy staffs. Additionally, she will serve as eyes and ears on international issues, bringing appropriate attention to assigned members of the Twelve or the Public Affairs Committee humanitarian and other needs for their consideration.

Specific Activities:

- Develop relationship with Ambassadors, Embassy staff, and other key players in the international arena as requested or as seem appropriate to ready access.
- Work through in country problems regarding Church registration, missionary presence, unique and larger visa challenges or inappropriate government actions relating to the church, as requested by members of the Twelve or through them by Area Presidents.
- Initiate and coordinate Washington "Hill" contacts on international issues.
- Initiate and coordinate diplomatic hosting programs in Washington, D.C. and New York City.
- Suggest and/or coordinate invitations to ambassadors and other VIPS to Church Headquarters.
- Represent the Church on boards of national and international organizations as requested, assigned, or as seen appropriate to advance international contacts. Attend such events as appropriate to accomplish the same.

- Suggest 'letters of state' or others, which are important for ongoing positive relationships and which may fall outside the general attention of the Area presidencies.
- Suggest or respond to requests from First Contacts for targeted visits of Ambassadors to Salt Lake City and Church Headquarters.
- Identify, assist with or support humanitarian service initiatives in selected countries.
- Carry out 'special assignments'.

My agreement upon accepting this expanded assignment was that I would devote four days a week to it. I knew that it would require more but wanted some options for family and personal travel time. Quickly it evolved into 6 day weeks filled with 14 hour days. It became both my mission and my passion and I can honestly say that I loved the challenge of each and every day. It never was a burden or a job. How could it be when I was buoyed up continually by the Lord and His Servants?

Early in my discussions with Elder Haight we agreed that I would report only to the special committee of the Quorum of the Twelve called *The Special Affairs Committee* or to the individual member of that body who had tasked me with an assignment or request.

When asked about compensation I replied that we would agree on a stipend which would cover my expenses and that I would like the remainder of my time and my home to be a part of my calling.

As you read this segment you will see the evolution of this assignment as the growth challenges and the church's needs shaped our unique mission.

There was so much activity during this period that it could not all be included in the yearly segments, therefore copies of all quarterly reports for the period of 1985 through 1997 are to be found in a third volume entitled, *International Affairs and Public Communication Quarterly Reports, 1985-1997*, available to researchers.

1985

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord....
they are plans for good and not for disaster.
Jeremiah 29:11

The nation's capital was stilled on what should have been the most festive of all days, an inaugural day signalling the commencement of Ronald Regan's second term as President of the United States. The temperature had plunged to near zero. There were no marching bands, filled bleachers, or children waving flags; all you could hear was crusted snow shrieking at the few souls who braved the weather. All events that could be moved inside had been moved into the Capitol building including the appearance of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Elder David B. Haight was in the city to participate in key inaugural events as an invited guest of the President. With the parade cancelled he asked if I would meet him to look at the National Press Building where we had just taken offices for our Public and International Affairs work.

The building was in the last stages of a total renovation but we braved our way through stacks of iron and lumber, wallboard, ladders and cranes and took the ancient elevator to the completed 14th floor. I showed him the room where the worlds' and our nations' leaders and power brokers came to speak to the media, the state of the art research facilities and then to the floor where we had leased a small office to begin our activities.

He caught my vision and gave his approval – and thus the formal work of this next chapter of my life began.

STATE OF THE WORLD: Ronald Reagan inaugurated second term as President of the United States. Mikhail Gorbachev named premier of the Soviet Union. Terrorists hijack TWA airliner over Middle East with104 American's aboard. Cruise ship hijacked in Athens; Palestinian terrorists attack airports in Vienna and Rome. With the Cold War at its height, Presidents Regan and Gorbachev meet for summit in Geneva.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: Membership reaches 5.5 million members. President Hinckley dedicates Freiberg, Germany Temple, Special fast held in the United States and Canada to help alleviate suffering from calamitous droughts in Africa. Former US Senator Jake Garn becomes first Church member to go into space followed by Don Lind. Elder Bruce R. McConkie of

the Twelve dies. New Genealogical Library in Salt Lake dedicated, President Spencer W. Kimball dies. Ezra Taft Benson becomes thirteenth president of the Church with Gordon B. Hinckley and Thomas S. Monson as counselors.

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: Settling into new calling, Traveled to Trinidad, Journeyed to Poland on genealogical quest, to Freiberg, Germany for dedication of Freiberg Temple, to England, traveled with the Walls to the Chateau Country of France. Grandsons Marc Bradley Campbell Jr. born August 17 and Matthew Craig Campbell, October 7.

PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW: Meeting with Elder David B. Haight and finalization of position as Director of Public Affairs and Communications in Washington, DC and New York City, Opening Office National Press Building, Challenges of an International Church and National and International Media, Serving on NAC-BYU Board; Named to Board of Directors of National Commission Against Drunk Driving; Helped in formation of Genesis Group.

JOURNAL OF YEARS EVENTS

With authorization to take space in the newly remodeled National Press Building, where we would have visibility and access, important to the work I was to do for the church, I asked Lee Roderick, an officer in the Press Club to pave the way for us to obtain a lease. It was the policy of the Press Club that only organizations directly working with the professional media be housed in the building. He presented our case and arrangements were made. On the morning of the 2nd of January I took the final draft of the lease to the Press Building and departed for Salt Lake and meeting in the Church Offices.

TO SALT LAKE CITY FOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS

At my first meeting in the offices of Richard Lindsay, who supervised the 'Special Affairs Office' at Church Headquarters for the Twelve, I received a call from Elder James E. Faust requesting that I drop by his office. I also received calls from Elders David B. Haight and Dallin H. Oakes and from Wendell Ashton, editor of the Deseret News, each asking if I could meet with them. Elder Lindsay was surprised that they all knew me and would ask that I come to their offices. I was not surprised, but a little intimidated.

I met with Elder Faust at 10:00 where he advised that he had been asked to speak at a Devotional at Brigham Young University and wished to use that time to speak with clarity to the young women of the Church. He asked if I

could share some of my thoughts with him and perhaps suggest some helpful sources of information. I spoke openly of the concerns expressed to me as I travelled the country and of the ways these might be addressed.

Elder Haight asked if, in addition to my other duties, I would accept a calling to serve on the **Special Affairs Committee in Washington, DC** and act as its Executive Secretary. This is a discreet committee that addresses special and sensitive matters dealing with government and other issues in Washington, and acts as eyes and ears in the nation's capital on secular matters.

Those who sat on this committee were divided between Salt Lake City and our nation's capital. At that time it was Elders Haight, Maxwell and Oakes at Church Headquarters and Robert Barker, Don Ladd, Ralph Mecham, Ralph Hardy and David King in Washington. To be called to be a part of this group and to have a significant hand, as its Executive Secretary, in carrying out the mandates was weighty. I served until my retirement in 1997 and was the only non-priesthood holder at the table.

I also was working with Public Communications at Church Headquarters and the Hilton Organization in New York City to develop a videotape similar to the one I had created as East Coast Director of Public Affairs. . Its purpose was to provide a training vehicle which could be used by our priesthood and other leaders throughout the Church to help them be more effective with the media. The materials were now ready for final editing and review. I sat for four hours with Stan Ferguson from Bonneville, who had long been working on this. The following morning I met again with Wendell Ashton, editor of the *Deseret News* to discuss various challenges relevant to 'women's issues.'

It was a pleasure to lunch with the General Presidencies of the Relief Society and the Young Women's organization.. There could be no one better for our young women than Sister Ardeth Kapp. This was my first real contact with Sister Barbara Winder, our new Relief Society President. We spoke at some length of priorities for women and the best way to articulate our messages. I will not attempt to go through the other meetings and projects that were undertaken at this time. These are outlined quite fully in various reports in Appendix I. I will simply do my best to highlight and give impressions.

MEDIA OUTREACH, DC VISITOR'S CENTER, EAST COAST PCD MTG., NEW YORK CITY

Needless to say, this was a time of intense activity as we not only looked at the national and international needs of the Church and the ways we could be

of help to them at this time, but also I tried to develop the relationship and contact with the national and international media where we had little access.

Our outstanding Brigham Young University football team, coached by LaVelle Edwards, had just won the national championship. He was in the East and we looked to utilize his presence to acquaint the national and international media with our people and their beliefs. I scheduled a fireside at the Visitor's Center and advised the media that they would have an opportunity for one on one time after his presentation. Many of them came; their interest more in sports than the Church, but this was a very positive exposure.

At that time we were reevaluating the use of the Washington, DC Temple Visitor's Center. The success of the holiday season had brought some 60,000 people to the Visitor's Center and caused traffic jams on all of the roads leading to the Temple which would have to be dealt with. On January 11, I lunched with our Temple President, Franklin D. Richards, President Brian Swinton of the Washington, D.C. Mission, and Elder Robert Sackley, the Visitor's Center Director. We explored ways to use the Temple parking area, add additional lighting and more involvement of the Temple grounds if possible. It was also Pierce's birthday and we had a surprise party for him.

Monday found me working with the National Press Club on our lease and then on to lunch with David King as we looked at the best way to deal with the IMPACT group and to utilize his international contacts. At 4:00 I took LaVelle Edwards to the White House to meet with President Reagan, after which we went directly to the airport. This had been in important visit.

I still had the calling and responsibilities of East Coast Public Affairs Director. We were completing preparations for our Area Conference which brought all our Area Public Communications Directors. from Canada to Florida, together. We had an excellent meeting and wonderful attendance.

Later that week I went to New York to assess the situation there. I met with the Mission President, Regional Public Communications Director David Forsyth, and returned with a greater sense of what needed to be done there.

While in New York, I lunched with Dick Gilbert and Bettye Hoffman, who were Vice Presidents for Standards and Practices for NBC. I also met with Ken Woodward for the first time. He was the Religion Editor for *Newsweek* and had not been a friend to the Church. As I spoke with him at some length, I realized that his bias came from the fact that he had been raised in a

particular religious tradition and until the Church changed its structure to embrace the philosophies of that religious tradition his bias would continue.

In this two hour meeting he spoke of the practices and doctrines of basic Catholicism without giving it a name. He suggested that if we would provide places for our women to go into a cloistered life; if we would provide the kinds of training that young priests receive; if we would give absolution in the way the Catholic Church did, we would be much more valid. The media claims no bias but their own personal belief systems do color their reporting.

Later that day I met with Peter Blauner, assistant editor of *New Yorker Magazine* who was looking for a new angle for a story on the New York Visitor's Center. We talked at length and I took him on a tour of the Visitor's Center and through the dioramas. He seemed to have an understanding of what it was we were saying, but I was surprised that he took only two notes in more than a three-hour meeting. He seemed to have had already written the story in his own mind. While in the city I also worked with the Hilton people and continued to work with Stan Ferguson on the telecounsel tape.

I received a call at home on the night of the 26th from Elder Faust. He had sent me a copy of the now-third version of the speech mentioned earlier entitled, "A Message to My Granddaughters." His approach was 'spot on' and his speech was received with rejoicing.

Also during this time we were working on new uses of the Visitor's Center at Easter time. I had long felt, as have many of the media, that we do not present ourselves well as Christians because we appear to place no emphasis on this most important holy week.

It was pointed out to me that whereas most churches spend a full week of devotion to this holy event we seemed to focus only on Easter morning. Recognizing the underlying validity of this observation we designed a series of programs wherein we invited people of other religions to the Visitor's Center during Easter week. We asked them to speak of the ways they honor and celebrate this event. We interspersed these programs with special musical evenings and ended with a special night devoted to our own beliefs regarding this most holy week. This week of Easter celebration was well received and attended.

Cathy Allen was hired to be my secretary and office manager. She had worked on one of Senator Hatch's committees and now was to undertake the very difficult job of pulling all of the pieces together preparatory to our move

into our offices in the National Press Building in February. Until then I was working at home with Carol Petranek as my right arm.

On February 4th our office in the Press Building was at last ready. New press materials were designed, developed and sent to approximately 600 major media in New York and Washington, D.C. The response was excellent.

The first week in February I attended several hearings on Capitol Hill regarding alcohol advertising. We hosted a reception for the Congressional Youth Awards, attended viewing of an NBC show on alcohol and drug addiction, and initiated contacts with all national media regarding a negative show that was going to be aired in Utah

A potpourri of activities consumed the next several months. Following is just an example of the kinds of issues we were working on: Met with Debbie Shecter on alcoholism and alcohol abuse; met with a Regional Representative who was dealing with a sensitive issue regarding an excommunicated member which had piqued media interest; made suggestions of how we might best look at the lawsuit which Congressman George Hansen was facing and was getting extensive national play; lunched with John Cosgrove key to our presence in the National Press Club; and looked into matters of the Child Defense Fund to see whether it was something we would want to issue a statement on as a Church or in some way provide additional support.

THE 'FAST' AND OTHER MATTERS

Members of the Church in America and Canada were asked to participate in a Special Fast and give whatever donations they could to aid the famine victims of that terrible drought which was continuing in Africa. This Fast generated funds totaling in excess of six million dollars; a story which needed telling by the media. No other church had raised anything close to this amount. I found, however, the media had no interest.

Whereas in the past they said they wanted a national story, now they were said they wanted a local human interest story; this was too big a story for them. The climate of resistance to positive stories about the Church was apparent. There was so much misinformation about the Church generally, and its involvement in the defeat of the ERA amendment specifically that I knew the climb ahead was steep.

Elder Glenn Pace of the Presiding Bishop's Office advised that the Church's Humanitarian Service arm was considering placing extensive funds from the

'Fast' with *Africare* for use in areas under most famine duress. He asked that we provide him with an in-depth evaluation of the organization.

Upon learning that Vice President George Bush was going to be at the Press Club with his National Security Director prior to their departure for Africa to look into the plight of the starving peoples there, I accepted the invitation to the VIP reception in his honor. I took this opportunity to speak with both him and his advisor regarding their feelings about Africare.

His advisor told me that C. Payne Lucas, the President of Africare, was going to be on the plane with the Vice President. He said they would look into the matter and get back with their recommendations. I was impressed with Vice President Bush. He was most convincing and amiable, and his intelligence shone through.

Upon their return I received word back from Vice President Bush's advisor that Africare was considered one of the most effective and respected of those organizations providing services on a non-governmental basis in Africa. I so advised Brother Glenn Pace. The decision was made that certain of the 'Fast' funds would go through Africare and the work began immediately.

We were working extensively with an organization called SMART (Stop Marketing Alcohol on Radio and Television) regarding legislation banning alcohol advertising. I had spoken with many of our Congressional delegation to get their feeling as to the possibilities for passage of this legislation. Most were positive and helpful. That evening I went to a reception at the Capitol for the new governor of Utah, Governor Bangerter. He seemed the right man to steer Utah through a very rough financial time.

I was back in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday where I met once again with Dick Gilbert at NBC, Ken Woodward of *Newsweek* and Richard Ostling of *Time Magazine*. There was a great deal of concern about an article which had been written by Ken Woodward, and I had been asked to deal with it.

I met with him to work through the wrong information and negative slant. No one in the media wishes to be informed they 'got it wrong' and this dialogue put me on very bad footing for working with Woodward in the future. The decision was made that inasmuch as Howard Wall was Vice President and CFO of Post-Newsweek and Woodward wrote for *Newsweek* that at some later date Howard and I would meet with the editor and look at ways that we might avoid such gross misrepresentation in the future.

Howard was my Counselor on the Bi-Region Public Communications Council. We also served as Co-President of the DC/BYU Management Society and he was a valued consultant when dealing with the print media. It has been a great experience to work with these men who bear significant worldly titles, yet are so humble. I have yet to ask any of them to be of assistance where they have not responded in the most positive manner.

March found me speaking in Boston, where I also was asked to do several media interviews. I was escorted by and stayed at the home of Mitt and Ann Romney. I flew from there to speak in San Francisco.

When I received a telephone call from Elder David B. Haight expressing continuing concern over the aforementioned *Newsweek* article, Howard and I moved forward on the meeting with Peter McGrath, the editor. His first response, as with most editors, was to stand by what was written, however, as we explained our concerns with the article he did comprehend that it had been extremely negative.

He apologized for the most outrageous statements and said that he would try to caution people to be more careful in the future. Needless to say Ken Woodward was not happy at this turn of events and expressed this concern at my next meeting with him.

THE NEW TRAINING FILM, GENERAL CONFERENCE AND VISITORS TO DC

That night I returned from New York and took a plane from Dulles to Salt Lake City where I joined with Public Affairs media people on the 14th in the East Board Room for the first of what would be three training sessions for the Quorum of the Seventy and other General Authorities utilizing the new training film regarding TV appearances, which was now completed.

The goal of such an effort was to provide insight into how best to articulate the messages of the Church in a media world. Attention was given to all aspects of TV interviews including keeping on point, using words that could be understood by the world, delivering clear, articulate messages, deflecting the interviews negative or sensations approaches, and attire and posture. This film and training proved to be a very effective tool.

In the Board room that morning were all of the members of the Council of Seventy who were in Salt Lake City following the General Conference. I had expected to sit quietly in a corner and just observe to see if the training film did the job it was intended to do, however at the end of the meeting Elder

Fyans asked me to speak to the assembled group. I spoke of the issues that we saw facing us in Congress, of my recent visit to *Newsweek* and of the tremendous opportunity we have to advance the mission of the Church and how we must correct faulty messages.

My comments were received with intense interest and it seemed that more than half of the members of the Seventies shook my hand before I left that morning. Most of them were aware of the work I had done during the ERA years and the individual thanks they expressed was exceptional

We went on from that session to the new Bonneville offices where we began the individual and specific training of four members of this group who would be key spokesmen. One-third of the remainder of the Seventies Quorum was there to observe the training. It was a long and productive day. I was impressed with the quality of materials, the quality of the response and how quickly these leaders moved from novice to professional in front of the cameras while handling very difficult questions.

The following day, ten more of the Seventies were at the Bonneville offices at Broadcast House for training. At 4:00 that afternoon I got on a plane to go to San Francisco to speak to a wonderful group of Sisters.

There was yet another article by *The Wall Street Journal* which was negative to the Church. I wrote a letter to the editor which they subsequently published and which put things in some perspective.

My first meeting on my return to DC was with Ed Leavy head of the **Anti-Defamation League** in the greater Washington, D.C. area. I felt that it was essential that I get to know the key players in the major religious faiths as well as those in the media, and this was the first of what was to be many calls such as this. Ed and I became instant friends. He was bright and aggressive and friendly to the Church, and had a pleasing way of articulating concerns.

He suggested one of the first things we should do is become members of the **Interfaith Conference of Churches of DC** and advised he would be willing to sponsor us. I told him that I would gather materials about the group and get back to him later if we wished to go ahead with such application. I also had meetings that month with Congressman Stallings and with members of the Smithsonian staff regarding displays of some LDS artifacts.

Because the Special Olympics were going to be hosted in Salt Lake City, I lunched with Eunice Kennedy Shriver, from the Kennedy Foundation, to

acquaint her more with the Church and to see how we could be of help to her in this undertaking. We talked about not only the Olympics but all of the matters relating to our children. Her daughter Maria was just beginning to do guest spots on national television shows, and as Eunice walked me back to my office she talked of her concerns for the young women of today and the choices they had to make with regard to marriage and children, and of their sacrificing careers that seemed so important to them

April brought the wonderful opportunity to go to Salt Lake for General Conference, and allowed me to attend meetings at Brigham Young University. In addition to serving on the **National Advisory Board of BYU,** I had been asked to be on the Executive Committee of this Advisory Board and meetings were scheduled for the Friday before Conference.

While at that meeting I received a call from Public Affairs that they were releasing a press statement on the success of our Fast for Famine Victims that day and asking for input. I had some concern as to the way some of the language used might be interpreted by our national press and so quickly drove to Salt Lake City where we re-worked the story.

I also contacted key members of the New York and Washington press to alert them to the release and particularly as to the way the funds were going to be utilized. This story was picked up by some of the wires and a few of the papers, but there was very little interest in what should have been one of the most important stories as to any church's involvement during the entire famine period.

General Conference is always a spiritual feast. I felt so fortunate to be able to sit in that holy Tabernacle, feast on the faces of the Savior's chosen Apostles and other General Authorities, to shake hands with them as they came and went between sessions, and to feel their great spirit.

Elder Bruce McConkie, beloved member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles was dying of cancer yet he gave a most powerful speech testifying of his love for his Savior and his absolute surety of the Saviors love for each of us. The Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn whose words he had written, *I Believe in Christ*, now my most beloved hymn. The spirit was so powerful I thought my chest could not contain my heart. Tears streamed down the faces of all I could see. On Friday, April 19, Elder McConkie was called home to be with his elder brother, Jesus Christ.

The following day I met with the International Directors for Public Affairs and spoke about the activities we were undertaking in Washington and New York, outlining ways we could be of help to them.

I also had lunch with Florence Jacobsen who has done such brilliant work in creating the new Church History Museum. The Smithsonian had expressed an interest in an exhibit that would include the period when the Saints crossed the plains. Although they had not intended to use anything from Mormonism I arranged a meeting and pointed out to them how wrong it would be if this important chapter of American history was not included. They agreed if we could get appropriate art and artifacts to them that they would include them.

Thursday we had yet another training seminar for members of the Council of Seventy and some of the Apostles. Peter Jacobi handled the training for the Hilton Organization and Barry Farber, a television personality from New York City, did the hard questioning before the television cameras.

The following week Elder Grant Bangerter of the Seventy, who was over our Bi-Regional Public Affairs Council was to be in Washington, D.C. He wanted to become acquainted with all of the key players so I arranged for him to have breakfast with the Special Affairs Committee and then took him for private visits with some of our LDS Congressmen and Senators.

We met with Hatch, Christensen, Hansen, Reid, Shumway, Nelson and Hawkins. That night we arranged a special private tour of the Oval Office in the White House for him and a dinner with the Regional Representatives and others in this area.

The next day I took him to see Ben Bradlee, editor of *The Washington Post.* We lunched at the Press Club with members of the national Catholic press, and in between had a series of meetings with the ecclesiastical leaders. He left feeling that he knew Washington and was impressed that anyone could take him on such a whirlwind tour and had access to such power players.

May brought a mixture of activities as the Public Communications Council's work moved forward. I spent essential time in New York City working with the important media organization called American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT). Bettye Hoffmann, Vice President of NBC, who was also an officer in AWRT, suggested I meet key players as she understood my desire to correct the pronounced misunderstandings in the media having to do with the women of our church.

Knowing that this group had been intensively involved during and immediately after the ERA years with Sonia Johnson, I attended several of their sessions. There was initial distancing and mistrust among those I met when I identified myself as a Mormon but over time positive relations developed. Their Award Ceremony was coming up and so I arranged for Bettye to look at some of our media spots to see if they deserved recognition. She felt they did and forwarded them to the appropriate committee but they weren't ready to recognize us yet.

The configuration of my work within the Public Communications Office was becoming clearer. It seemed best to spend several days a week in the office in Washington, DC developing new contacts and looking at the way we might have a greater impact on the national and international press, political and religious communities to be better able to deal with the problems and issues that were of concern to Church Headquarters. Three or four days would be spent each month in New York City.

When you added to this monthly Special Affairs meeting, Bi-Regional Public Communications and other Executive and work with other entities, organizations and assignment or requests on a daily basis, structural needs took shape and my calendar became disciplined.

I had been planning a personal trip to Eastern Europe, timed so that I could help with Press needs at the dedication of the Temple in Freiberg, Germany. Much of June was consumed with national press issues and the pre and post initiatives relating to this most miraculous Freiberg Temple dedication.

TYPICAL DAYS, BYU JERUSALEM CENTER AND BOMB THREATS

Notes from a typical day, that of July 18, read as follows: Met in Senator Hatch's office re special Fast to be sponsored by Congress and the question of how we could be of help to them; the go ahead was given by my First Contact to plan a dinner for the Ambassador of China; sent a letter to the General Authorities regarding findings in Poland; explored contacts with regard to the nation of Israel as the BYU Center was running into diplomatic challenges even before its completion; and spoke with the Zimbabwe Embassy regarding further work on our 'Heather' schools in Zimbabwe.

I also talked with and issued an invitation to Elder Neal Maxwell who agreed to deliver the keynote address at our Gala BYU Management Society Dinner; spoke with Mark Cannon at the Supreme Court, Gregory Newell at the State

Department; Butch Cash, a Marriott Vice President who helps with political matters regarding a special benefit; with Ruth Ray, the Public Communications Director in Boston regarding special training programs and media outreach in Boston and with Jan Hemming at USIA concerning special media programing for countries of interest to us.

That same day I received calls about some negative reactions with regard to our missionaries in Chile, and was able to talk with Earl Rouche, Inspector General at the Organization of American States, to see how he could be of help; met with Rabbi Silva of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation league regarding outreach to media in Israel and looked at some of the language coming out of Moscow Radio regarding the Freiberg Temple now being completed in East Germany.

It was an honor to be a family guest at the swearing in ceremony of Gregory Newell who had been named as Ambassador to Sweden. Greg, at that time, was the youngest Ambassador yet named by our government. His work as Assistant Secretary of State had been exceptional and this was a well-deserved posting.

Ed Decker and his negative and dreadful film entitled "Godmaker," which maligned the church at every level, mocked our Temple rites and cast fear into the hearts of viewers regarding the malevolency of our missionary program, was creating a problem for the Church in many countries but specifically many of the Caribbean islands.

Decker, the films creator, had shown this film to government and other church and secular leaders in these islands and other third world countries and warned them against allowing our missionaries to continue their work or if not presently in country to warn them against opening their countries to our missionaries or allowing our Church to officially register. I was often asked to address these issues.

At this same time the Jewish press devoted a full-page to this film with extensive quotes from Ed Decker. Soon thereafter one of our chapels in the D.C. area was broken into and there appeared on the blackboard the number "666" along with what might have been a Jewish star. That morning services were disrupted with a statement saying that five bombs had been placed throughout the chapel and the warning, "maybe this will teach you Mormons to stay out of Israel."

I immediately called the Washington Jewish Community Council and they could not have been more distressed or more helpful. Once again, Ed Leavy proved to be a great friend as he issued statements to the press speaking of their support and of their concern for us, and their distress that such a thing could have happened in one of our chapels.

This began the first of what was a series of very real challenges for my office and for the Church in the Jewish press. There was extreme distress among the Orthodox Jews over the Brigham Young University Center, which was in the process of construction on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem. My letter to Senator Paula Hawkins outlines the issues.[1] I asked several congressmen, including Tom Lantos to express their interest in this matter to those in office in Israel.[2]

On August 3 I flew to upstate New York where I spoke to a Young Women's Conference. While there, I met Darcy Clawson who was a Stake Patriarch and stayed at their home. As we talked he told me how impressed he was with the urgency for our Young Women to be a force for good. This echoed my feelings and he pointed out that very often as he gave Patriarchal Blessings he was impressed to advise the young women of the great mission they had ahead of them and the fact that there was little time for them to waste.

During this time we were invited to dinner with Mark and Ruth Cannon, Administrator of the Supreme Court under Chief Justice Warren Burger, where Mark announced that he had been chosen to head the Bi-Centennial Committee to Honor the Constitution. It was a position he had long sought and would prove useful to the work we were doing in our nation's capital.

On August 24th I went again to Boston to speak to a Bi-Regional meeting of Stake Presidents and Mission Presidents re needs of the Boston and Maine Regions, at the invitation of John Groves, the Regional Representative who had done such an effective job. We were able to open many doors and present many new ideas. I have found that as this information and ideas are given to the Stake Presidents in manageable formats, they catch the vision and become the greatest supporters of the Public Communications program.

September and October were filled with similar types of activities, attendance at October Conference and all the meetings and wonderful support and instruction that follows such attendance. I was delighted to receive a letter from Becky Knowles. She had arranged for a group of BYU

female interns to spend an evening at my home and it always interests me to know of their progress.

Pierce and I decided we needed to get away for a few days so we embarked on a long weekend in the south of France, which we loved. The day after our return, November 6, we learned of the death of our beloved prophet, Spencer W. Kimball. He died at 10:28. The first phone call I received after his death was from my friend, Joe Burger, of the *New York Times* expressing his sorrow. I felt we had come a long way from the time that the New York Times would not even speak to us. There was a flurry of media activity and coverage as we saw this day through.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell advised the following day that he would have one day in DC for a briefing with ecclesiastical leaders and would be happy to talk to any media I might think appropriate in the short time he had. I quickly arranged for interviews with *Newsweek, the Religious News Network*, and others as he spoke of the death of President Kimball and other matters of concern to the Church.

On November eleventh we received the news that Ezra Taft Benson had been named President of the Church with Gordon B. Hinckley as his First Counselor and Thomas S. Monson as his Second Counselor.

In the correspondence for this year is a letter from President Hinckley which reads: "Thank you for your note with the enclosed statement from Pope John Paul XIII. It is a statement I can well understand and appreciate." The statement I had sent told of the Pope having a dream regarding some serious problems that existed in his Church and in his dream he noted, "I must speak with the Pope about them in the morning." When he awoke the next morning he realized he was the Pope.

In November I suggested to Elder Ladd that we might wish to call together some of our outstanding black leaders to discuss some of their needs, as during my travels I had been approached by some who felt their needs were not being met. Additionally, as we have more and more members in the islands and African countries, there was a need to have more of our black members available to help us truly understand the sensitivities and needs of these members world-wide. Thus was born the 'Genesis' group in Washington, D.C. From this group we identified those willing to share their testimonies on film, that a completed documentary might be available for use by Mission Presidents in the Islands or wherever they might need them.

At the request of Elder Haight I lunched with Jim Adduci, President of the **National Commission Against Drunk Driving,** the follow-on commission to the Presidential Commission of the same name. Its Board read like *who's who* in the national business community as its work was important. Adduci asked my help in a variety of efforts and when those tasks were completed I was asked to serve on their National Board. After consultation with Elder Haight, I accepted this position. On December eighteenth I attended the Awards Luncheon for the National Commission against Drunk Driving. It was fortunate that I did, for the next year I was to Chair this event.

While in Europe in the fall I met with Alain Marie who is the Public Communications Director for France, and Bryan Grant in London. Alain asked if I would meet with Philippe Romon of the magazine *Liberation*. I called him in New York and had an excellent meeting with him. I gave him many pieces of information about the Church, books to read and found that I enjoyed my relationship with him very much. I now had been asked to serve on the Interfaith Conferences of Churches and the Religious Public Communications Council, positions which I accepted.

In an attempt to develop cohesiveness and provide needed information to my East Coast Public Communication Directors, remember we covered from Florida to Canada, it seemed we needed to put together a newsletter. To this end Cathy Allen, my only staff, and I designed, I wrote, and we published our first newsletter called *Communications Link.*[3] This was received with gratitude and deemed an important tool in their arsenal.

With the holidays drawing near we were actively engaged in preparing for the press reception and other activities at the Visitor's Center. December third was set as Press Night for the Festival of Lights and we bent every effort to invite and personally encourage attendance by our local media. Each year we were able to reach more of them but I recognized the need to design events of interest to draw them in and so I began next year's planning.

The previously mentioned Israeli/BYU Center matter was escalating. I talked with members of Congress and our Special Affairs to see how I might most effectively deal with this. On the 27th I received a call that the New York City Visitor's Center had received a bomb threat from Rabbi Kahane's people. I talked with Barry Farber and other press people in New York to see if we could schedule some talk shows which might calm the situation. These were arranged and the situation settled down a bit.

BEHIND THE SCENE LOOK AT SELECTED EVENTS

'GODMAKERS' FILM AND 'SALAMANDER LETTERS'

The problems with the **Godmakers** film continued. I received a call in August saying that many of our missionaries in Barbados or Trinidad and Tobago were either being asked to leave or that the mission president had been advised no new missionaries could come into their countries. I began working immediately with the contacts I had in the Washington area to see how this could be resolved.

On the 20th I spoke with the Mission President in Barbados who asked if I would come and meet with his Public Communications Directors throughout the islands and help them deal with the tremendous problems which had spread to the other smaller islands. I advised him that I would certainly do all I could to help but I 3thought that probably someone from the Salt Lake Public Communications office would best be able to marshal the long-term resources and materials needed.

We also were facing another great challenge in the Church. A letter had been sold to Church Headquarters which was purported by all the specialists to be authentic. It was called the **Salamander Letter** and purportedly advised that Joseph Smith found in the box of the gold plates, not a Holy Spirit but a white salamander.

The press jumped on this as a major story and everywhere we turned we read headlines saying that the foundation of the Church had been shaken and that perhaps Mormonism would not survive as a religion. Obviously, the ecclesiastical leaders were deeply concerned. There were no additional statements coming out of Church Headquarters except to ask members to maintain their trust in the Lord, not to let this shake their testimonies; that the great work would continue to roll forward as it always had.

This story received world-wide play. Our Public Communications Directors around the world were forced to try to deal with it as it had been going on since early spring. In mid-October Mark Hofmann, the documents dealer who advanced this document, as he had so many others before, was injured in a bomb explosion while carrying explosives he intended to use elsewhere. Two other members of the Church were killed in similar bomb explosions. The letter was subsequently proven to be a forgery.

The entire story is well recorded in books and news clippings so I will not elaborate further. Needless to say its repercussions were felt for the next two or so years and it often had to be addressed.

FREIBERG TEMPLE DEDICATION AND RELATED JOURNEY

When I told my brother Warren that I was going to the **Freiberg Temple Dedication** in East Germany and that I also felt a strong impression that I needed to include Poland as part of this journey to try and advance our family history work on the Slagowski, he said he would like to go with me. Thus was set into motion a trip which took us on an amazing odyssey. The full story of this is in our *Ancestors and Family History of Thomas James Brough and Julia Frances Slagowski* book.

I learned that Father Peszkowski would be in Rome at the time we could be there, and he said he would be delighted to show us his Rome and take me again to meet the Holy Father. On the 16th of June we departed, had four wonderful days in Rome where we were treated to an insider's view of Rome and the Vatican and all things Catholic.

In addition to the great honor of meeting the Pope for the second time, and seeing the grand architectural features, perhaps the most delightful afternoon for me was the time spent lunching and relaxing in the gardens where *Quo Vadis* was written. We were regaled with tales of this history by the Monsignors who were the keepers of this legacy.

We left for Warsaw on the first, to be greeted by Andre Pawelczek, the young man we met on our first trip to Poland and who we sponsored and had in our home as a son. We were hosted in an exceptionally generous fashion. There was little food in this county but the table of Andre and Marie's parents groaned at every setting with all the delicacies one could want. We worried, at what cost, but they assured us this was the Polish way.

We also met again a man whom I have come to regard as a friend, Mr. Ka'kel, **Minister of Culture of the Communist Government of Poland.** Tickets were arranged by him to their national ballet; flowers were sent; and at a private he said that our Church was not aggressive; that on our return we needed to tell our leaders that they must be more assertive in Poland.

It took us some time to realize that the reason for going to Poland and Poznan was not for our own direct line but for a genealogy sheet containing all of the brothers and sisters and their offspring, of a man named Franciscus

Slagowski from the year 1723. It was complete in every detail, and although the one brother, who we felt was our direct-line ancestor, did not have his family listed we completed the temple work for all listed. Perhaps our own direct-line ancestry is so elusive because when we find the tie we likely will quit searching these other lines.

We then went on to the dedication of the Freiberg Temple in East Germany. This was a miraculous happening in that Communist country where religious freedoms were denied and worshipers persecuted. I had gone on this journey as a private citizen, at my own expense, because I wanted to be present at this dedication. Additionally, I wanted to come to understand the political climate of that portion of the world.

his event was being kept very 'low key' because of political implications in the nations which constitute the USSR. I told Public Affairs, I would spend my time in Freiberg helping as they wished, particularly in dealing with the international press. To this end, I asked Richard Lindsay, if he could obtain a statement of how we had been able to get permission to build the Temple in Freiberg, as that was the question most often asked of me. The response I received was that the media would have to be satisfied with the answer already given; that it was the hand of the Lord.

I was told the story of how often the government officials in Freiberg would decide that we could not go on with the building, or would rescind our right to bring additional materials in. The Church would continue shipment of materials nonetheless. As these materials would arrive from the United States and other places in Europe they were put on boxcars and sent to the border of East Germany.

When all materials necessary for the next phase of construction work had arrived, for reasons that begged logic, the borders would be opened just long enough to get those materials in. Then, once again, problems with officials would arise, borders would be closed, negotiations would be in progress, but in the meantime the work would go forward.

We know what a key role Elder Thomas A. Monson played in all of this and saw the great hand of the Lord as he blessed His people. To be present for the dedication and the great Hosanna Shout was a marvelous privilege. While there we stayed in Dresden. On the day of dedication a friend, Milton Barlow who had served his mission in that area, Warren and I decided to travel together in a cab to Freiberg. Our driver missed his turn off the freeway; isn't

that always the case? By the time we could find another exit and get back the doors had just closed. Dear Brother Barlow approached the great doors and as Moses, raised his cane in the air and pounded on the doors. They were opened, we were allowed in. How grateful we were. The choir was exceptional, the dedication incomparable and as we walked out the East German military honored the event with a 'formation fly over.'

As Warren and I took the train from Poznan, Poland to Dresden in East Germany, we were joined in our compartment at a stop near the border by a man. He obviously was trusted to be placed in a compartment with Americans and I was a bit wary. He spoke to us in English and told us he was an engineer and had been consulting on a project in Warsaw.

He inquired as to the reason for our visit. We told him a bit about the Temple Dedication. He said he knew that Temple as he had been one of those working on it. He expressed great pride in having been allowed such a privilege and said it would always to be holy place to him.

Pierce met us in London where we picked up a car and toured the beautiful London countryside. We were anxious to get the site of the Brough ancestral home, and so arrived a bit early to surprise dear Ann Brough Hind, the wife of Reverend Stanley Hind.

Ann was the direct line ancestor and who had so graciously invited us as guests at her home and to act as our guide. We had not met here before but Warren had located her, sent her a copy of our *Richard Brough Family History* book and had corresponded with her.

We arrived early but could not have been treated with greater kindness or consideration. There is still some reserve about the English as relates to their brash cousins, the Americans. However, she took us to meet with many family members and to walk the grounds and sit in the rooms of Windy Gates which research indicated our great-great-great-great grandfather, Thomas Richard Brough, had built and ancestors lived in it to that day.

We arrived back in Washington, D.C. on July seventh. I am generally reluctant to leave wherever I am, but the moment the drive home along the Parkway begins and I catch the first glimpses of the monuments which mark our Nation's Capital, the lush green of the Parkway and turn into the driveway of my home, I know there is no more beautiful spot in all the world.

HAPPENINGS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Going, going, gone; sold to the highest bidder: It was bright and early on New Year's Day and Pierce and I were at an antique auction at the Thieves Market. We needed additional pieces to fill our lovely new home. I found two French chairs which, when recovered with the right fabric, would be perfect for our bedroom. As I was paying for those I heard our number called and discovered that Pierce had bought a late 1600 elaborately carved "court cabinet" with stained glass; a perfect addition to the Sky Room. As I was returning to our seat I heard our number called once more and discovered that he had purchased a circa late 1800's English Breakfront with pleasing wood tracery for his new library.

This event seemed to mark the end of a period of our lives when we could come and go and do as we wished, and propelled us forward on an uncharted but magnificent journey. By year's end the course had been set and the real work identified and undertaken. I will record this year's family events in a linear fashion.

New Year's afternoon in our home was about football for the men in our family. Not being a fan of the game our agreement was that I would find something else to do. Since my calendar was filled for the coming weeks I decided to go to an auction in Gaithersburg, Maryland to see if I could find those last pieces we needed to complete the house. Fortunately I did find them; a small Persian rug to be used in Pierce's master bath and another rug to be used in the Amish room. I also found a fine reproduction of a French Bombay chest with heavy ormolu perfect to complete the dining room.

I then dashed home to take down the Christmas decorations as I had been asked to be in Salt Lake for the remainder of the week where I was to meet with a variety of officials in Church headquarters to set course for the work we would tackle first in the East.

Our hearts were once again shattered as on January 26th of the death of our dear friend, Harry 'Red' Foster in Canada. We were called by one of the executors of the estate who had not known of our friendship. Red's wife was suffering from Alzheimer's disease and he had no children, so there was no one to tell of our relationship It wasn't until they were going through his personal papers that they realized the nature of our relationship.

His service had already been held and there was nothing we could do. We felt so lost and helpless as we realized that a great light in our life was turned

out and we had not even been able to send a flower. Heather and Red had had an unusual and truly loving relationship. Red had never forgotten Heather or the boys at any holiday, and I felt comforted to know that Heather and Red were going to be laughing, teasing, and playing in Heaven.

The *Toronto Star* and the *Toronto Sun-Times* devoted a full page to this great humanitarian, and in a full-page editorial in the *Sunday Sun-Times* John Robertson, one of their great sports writers, wrote a touching article *Goodbye Friend* which began, "Inasmuch as ye have done it onto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." This sums up the Red Foster I met in 1968 and who touched my life in special ways each of the 16 year thereafter.

February in Virginia is generally gray and overcast so we were pleased to have bags aboard a Saturday morning flight for a wonderful week in the sunshine of Tobago. We were guests of Jim Fletcher. Jim served on the Board of Directors of Amoco, and therefore we were staying at the Amoco retreat house on the island. Tom and Shauri and their son, Steve and wife Kelly were also invited; all we had to do was get to Tobago. Since Tom and Shauri were just out of law school their tickets were our Christmas gifts.

Faye and Jim had told us it would be nice, but we had no idea how nice. From the moment we arrived on the island the professional staff took over. There was no customs; we were whisked off in limos to a stunning private home situated with a magnificent view of the ocean where four elegantly outfitted Casitas opening onto the pool. The main house had a striking dining room, living room and great sweeping terraces for dining and entertaining. The gourmet chef prepared incomparable meals each day and we were able to select any of the activities we wanted to undertake.

There was a golf cart for each couple so that we could go to the adjoining golf course and play at any time; we could go deep sea fishing or scuba diving or on the glass-bottomed boat for a picnic or a tour around the island. Each evening, entertainment was brought to us. There were limbo dancers, steel drum bands and fire eaters. If you took off a shirt it disappeared and returned hanging in your closet, freshly starched and ironed, no more than one hour later. We rested, played, swam and ate. Because the view of the ocean was so magnificent from its 15th hole, I decided to take golf lessons so I could justify being on the greens.

One of the many things Heather's death taught Pierce and me was that we should not put off those things we wished to do. We now felt that we would

like to go away for short vacations at least three times a year to see the sights and just refresh and be together. We found we always came back restored and in total harmony, ready to deal with whatever was in our paths.

When we returned home I had a call from Chris Cannon, Mark Cannon's daughter. She was going to be married on August 17 and asked I she could have her reception at our home. I had anticipated that this would be the house in which Heather would have her wedding reception so the request was bittersweet. I told her that I would be delighted, but it was with a very heavy heart that I advised Pierce of this decision.

That night, Frank Kimball, Pierce and I talked about a suggestion we had sent to Salt Lake City after the Church Fast in United States and Canada for the people suffering from the drought in Africa. We had asked if they might consider some of the vast Africare programs in Ethiopia and other places as worthy of receiving some of the funds from the fast.

We knew Glenn Pace, a new member of the Presiding Bishopric, was going to be in town the following day to meet with Africare and Frank was going to accompany him and could advance our concerns. We were pleased to learn that consideration was being given for this. This had nothing to do with the projects we were doing in Zimbabwe for Heather's Foundation.

The February visit to speak in San Francisco carried with it an added bonus. I had the opportunity to spend time with Betty and Gloria Brough, my brother Byron's wife and daughter. We had a delightful two days as we talked into the wee hours of the night, ate strawberries and gourmet meals, and walked the streets of San Francisco.

I was grateful to have the chance to share some of my feelings about the Church and the role of women in the Church once more with Gloria and Betty. Betty had been baptized in the Church two or three years before but there was still so much to learn about the gospel.

It was good while at Conference in April to spend an evening with Marc and Tammy. They had been doing remodeling work on the home they purchased near Sugar House and Tammy was five months pregnant with our new grandson. They did a beautiful job with the house. They had the ability to find exactly the right thing to go in the right place, and neither one of them were afraid of work. As always they had set a beautiful table with fresh flowers and exquisite food. Both of them are gourmet cooks.

Later in the week we went to see a painting which Marc had asked one of his artist friends to do in remembrance of Heather. I was enormously impressed with the beauty of the painting and purchased it. We named it *Heather's Spring*. The painting has all of the flowers of the Virginia countryside; the forsythia, the dogwood and the azaleas in bloom at the time of her death. The only thing missing was our family rose which we asked her to hide in the paintings center and which she did.

Sunday afternoon after Conference, I drove alone to visit Heather in the Bountiful Cemetery. It's always a time of peace to be with her. I remembered the other times I had journeyed to Salt Lake for Conference and Heather had been with me. It was difficult to accept that it would be so long until I would see her again.

Obviously we approached this first anniversary of Heather's death in May with a great deal of apprehension. We knew it would be extraordinarily difficult to get through that week which encompassed that anniversary, Mother's Day and my birthday'. However with the love and support of Tom, Shauri, Marc and Tammy we got through it. Once we were past that milestone, we found the remainder of the month and each month after easier to deal with and better.

On May 19, the *Church News* devoted a full page to a story of our efforts in Zimbabwe in honor of Heather. Once again I was surprised at the coverage this was given. I had met with Gerry Avant and talked about it at some length. It was rewarding to us to see this story; however, we are very private people and it has been hard for us to discuss these extraordinarily sensitive details of Heather's death and the work we're trying to do with others.

We received beautiful letters from all over the country as people saw this article. A touching letter came from Nancy Jo Simmons. She said, "You know, whenever I tell anyone about the story of my life and the Church, it starts with Heather. I was painting a mural in Reston, Virginia, when I turned around and saw a little girl go running by. I thought she looks just like an angel. I'm so sorry that she's gone from you. I'm so grateful that she lived. The gospel is still my whole life - still the one thing in the world, in my life, that makes complete sense. The rock and anchor of my life is my testimony...and it started with you and your precious daughter. Thank you."

The month of June had other surprises for us -- one not so pleasant. Since purchasing the land we had intended to put a retaining wall in the lower

portion, build it up and use that as a lower yard and swimming pool. The land itself was extraordinarily steep and rocky, and without this we had absolutely no yard. Our downhill neighbor had been making good use of this one-half acre during all of the time he had lived there. He had his driveway and mailbox across it, had created a large parking space and largely had claimed it as his own. We had told him often that as soon as we were ready to finalize our landscaping we would need to reclaim it all. He became very abrasive and angry when that work began and filed a lawsuit against us.

He based his argument on an architectural clause in the deed, which had never been exercised, that said nothing could be done without the majority of neighbors agreeing. Tom, so recently out of Law School, handled this by obtaining a written statement of agreement from all other neighbors. Thus began a schism with this particular neighbor who we would have liked as friend. Once again, you learn that even though you may have the best intentions in the world there is still going to be some conflict and aggression.

Because of this delay, we were unable to complete this portion of the yard in time for the wedding but most of the rest of the yard work was done and the August wedding reception of Chris Cannon and Kirby Brown was lovely.

The day of the wedding was August seventeenth. This was also the day that the funeral services were held for J. Willard Marriott. I valued this family and attended not only as a friend but also because I was needed to be available to the media should questions arise re the Church, its beliefs and Brother Marriott's participation therein. I went directly from the funeral to witness the Temple wedding sealing of Chris and Kirby, then on to their reception at our home. That evening we received a phone call saying that our grandson, Mark Bradley, Junior, had been born.

As I reflected on this day's events, I recognized that in that one day I had witnessed life's grand cycle. We bury those we love, we marry those who love, and the Lord sends us new souls that we will love; the plan is indeed cosmic and eternal.

Tom and Shauri had been resident in our four room guest suite since his graduation from Law School some year and a half before and now the time had come for them to find a home of their own as a third baby was on the way. While I was in Europe in June Pierce was able to find a piece of land with a small home on it which should prove to be a very positive investment package. The house needed floors sanded, walls painted, windows cleaned

and lots of work with plumbing and heating as it had been used as a rental property for many years with little upkeep. Tom and Shauri worked night and day to get it ready and though not finished they were now in residence.

September brought the wedding of a young woman whose family had been friends of the Cannons. It was quite an affair. As reported in The Washington Post, there was $50,000 worth of fresh flowers, a ten foot train, 60 limousines, ten bridesmaids, ten groomsmen, and 425 guests from Chicago and Mexico City. The bride was Tammy Rose Hockstra; the groom was Jose Rocha of Mexico City. The Cathedral was St. Matthews.

Tom, Shauri, Pierce and I arrived in full black-tie attire at 12:00 noon to be driven in limousines to the Cathedral. As we waited for the ceremonies to begin, we were all looking at the ceiling. It was almost time for our new grandchild to come and Tom and Shauri had not yet decided on a name. As we saw the scriptures of St. Matthew emblazoned across the ceiling, I said to Shauri, "Matthew. That's a lovely name." She said, "Yes, I think I like that," and told Tom.

A decision was made to name the child Matthew. Since that time we have come to find that the long-lost great grandfather Campbell, who we had not been able to trace, was named Matthew. I suspected that Heather, Matthew Campbell, and the baby were up there planting idea in our minds.

The wedding was an all-day, all-night affair. Around 7:00 in the evening Pierce and Tom said they would like to drive to Philadelphia to see the BYU football soon to be in progress. The four of us, in our full-dress attire, drove to Philadelphia, saw the game and were back at post-wedding festivities well before the 4:00 breakfast and in time to throw rice at the bride and groom.

On September 27 Pierce and I left for Salt Lake City where we participated in the blessing of new grandson, Mark Bradley Campbell, Jr. What a beautiful baby he was! His eyes were so large and expression, his countenance so alert and bright that it was astonishing; truly a 'sent' one. A note in my Day-Timer on Saturday, the 28th says, 'Stayed with Marc & Tammy. Saw the new baby who is beautiful, strong and healthy. Went to Marc's rugby game; he's very good. Tammy and I bought a darling, white satin christening suit which could be used by all future Campbell boy babies and prepared for the blessing on the morrow.

You don't realize until you begin to see these grandchildren come how much it means to you and what an awesome responsibility it is to, in some way, make a difference in their lives.'

Pierce returned home on Monday but I stayed in Salt Lake for meetings; key was the Sunday pre-conference meeting of the Special Affairs Committee and attendance at General Conference.

Because we had been gone from our Virginia grandsons, Pierce and I drove over to say hello and to see how Shauri was doing. We arrived just as Shauri began having labor pains and so took T.J. and Robert out to dinner and did some exploring. By the time we arrived home at 9:00 we found that we had a new grandson born at 8:47 and weighing 7 lbs., 14 oz. He was named Matthew Craig Campbell, an absolutely perfect child.

While we were in Europe that fall, Pierce received a letter from a dear young man, Stacy Brimhall, who had worked for us the summer before he left for his mission. He had just returned and learned of Heather's death. He related an incident that had happened on a summer day some two years before Heather's death. It read in part: "I know you might find this letter to be a bit of a surprise but I just want to relate an experience I had a few years ago that I wasn't able to tell you about then. As you know my mother died about six years ago. Every once in a while she will speak to my soul and tell me something important. Most of the time it is to straighten me out! It comes as a quiet but forceful message.

"One sunny Saturday morning you and I were making steps on the right side of your house, going down to the back yard. Your daughter and a friend walked out to say good-bye before they left to go shopping. At that moment that quiet forceful whisper came again, but this time it wasn't to straighten me out. It was a message that I had a hard time understanding until now. She said, 'Heather will soon be working with me as you are now working with her father.'

"I didn't understand it and I didn't dare relate it to you, but now I feel it is appropriate that I do. My mother is one of the greatest persons who ever lived, she is my best friend. Your daughter is in good hands. I love you and your wife."

You cannot imagine how this letter salved our very souls. It was as though sent from heaven in answer to our continuing prayers to understand a bit of the 'why' of it all. This additional insight was another reinforcing message

that Heather had agreed to return to be about her father's work at a pre-appointed time. How generous and magnificent the Lord is.

On October twenty fifth we departed for France with our good friends, Howard and Delores Wall, for a tour of the Chateau country. I had always wanted to visit the Loire Valley. We overnighted in Paris and from there embarked on the grand tour. It was cold and windy, but oh, what a wonderful time we had! This was the first time Pierce and I were in Paris together and we both fell in love with the city and promised we would return. We all went on to London where we walked and explored and saw *Starlight Express* which was almost as good as *Cats* which we had seen the last time we were in London with the Walls.

I returned home to find a message waiting for me from Elder Boyd K. Packer stating that his friend, Rosemary Newton, and her companion, Susan Bowman, would be in Washington on November seventh through the eleventh. Mrs. Newton owned the ancient Packer family estate in England and had loaned a piece to the National Gallery to be exhibited in their '*Treasure Houses of Britain.*' She was not a member of the Church, and her friendship with the Packers had been a slow, step-by-step affair. He valued that friendship and wanted Rosemary and Susan to receive special treatment. He said that he knew no one in Washington who could do it as well as me, and would I take her under my wing. I immediately called and said that of course.

We spoke at great length as to the Packer family relationship. Needless to say, the fresh-cut flowers, 'nothing extravagant and nothing arranged-looking,' were sent to the hotel as he had requested.

These two ladies were truly charming and great sports. They had both flown ferry planes in World War II so you can imagine their sense of adventure. I escorted them to the '*Treasure Houses of Britain*' exhibit and saw their historic piece that was so prominently displayed and then went on to show them the sights of Washington. They were most impressed.

The activity that pleased them the most however was the tour I asked Florian Thayne to arrange of the Capitol. She had a key position in the Historian's Office at the Capitol and so took them to rooms and showed them historic treasures seldom seen by regular tourist. They went to the Senate floor, and she allowed them to sit in the chairs that the President and Vice President used as they address joint sessions of Congress. On Saturday I took them

back to the *'Treasure Houses of Britain'* and Pierce joined us for dinner. I hated to see them leave and said so as I reported back to President Packer.

On Sunday we celebrated Robert's fourth birthday at a formal sit-down dinner with all of his favorite foods. He was such a little gentleman and loved so much to please. There was the entire array of forks and glasses in front of him. He watched patiently until he saw which one I used and then he would use that. The next Sunday we had T.J.'s birthday dinner and also a special celebration as Matthew was blessed. The day the 12' Christmas tree was lovingly selected and delivered. Marc and Tammy arrived on the twentieth and with our four wonderful grandsons we had a joyous holiday season.

That holiday season there had been devastating floods in West Virginia. As a family we put together blankets, bedding, cooking supplies and materials and other things to be taken to families there. We asked one of the men who was working on our house and was from West Virginia to bring us the name of a family that had great need.

He identified a family with three children, and the morning of Christmas Eve we put $500 into a pot and went to stores where we bought new clothes, dresses, gloves, sweaters and some special toys. We came home and wrapped over forty gifts for that family, put together a food basket and supplies for their home, and at 4:00 were pleased to send four huge boxes with the workman as he went home for the holidays.

Counting our many blessings, we then prepared to receive the guests who were coming to our home that evening for our annual Christmas Eve party. As we paused to look at our beautifully decorated house, our family around us, the tree piled high with gifts, and a lovely home filled with family and friends we loved we felt humbled, blessed and among the most fortunate.

Shauri and Tom left Christmas Day to be with her parents in Phoenix and Marc and Tammy left to visit Tammy's mother in Pennsylvania. Marc and Tammy were back by New Year's Eve and our party that evening was a formal dinner for eight where we introduced a new game, *'How to Host a Murder'* which Marc had convinced us was great fun and it was. Each guest was to come dressed in black tie or in the costume of their character. Throughout the evening, each person had to stay in character and the murder had to be solved by midnight. Amid much laughter we heralded in the New Year.

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As i have loved you, love one another

The country was Zimbabwe. Pierce and I began our journey to this country with hearts still broken and souls still sorrowing. Our beloved Heather was missed with an intensity that seemed to penetrate our every cell; we missed her laughter, her joy in life, her energizing presence which was manifest by her awareness of and compassionate concern for all around her.

Heather had given life to the principle conveyed in our hymn, "As I Have Loved You". She had made the lame, the halt, and the blind her personal concern The purpose of our journey was to honor her wishes and bring completion to one of her dreams. Just before her death she had started a project with her father to help some of the people so devastated by that great drought in Africa of the last three years.

Pierce and Heather had adopted the village of Masunda and had raised money to build grinding mills and provide other basic necessities. Their dream was to drill a deep bore well so that the people of at least one village might not suffer from a lack of life sustaining drinking water.

This well had now been completed and at the request of the people of Masunda we travelled to that country to dedicate it. As the years passed quickly by we saw God's hand as he used these initiatives to open doors to an entire nation.

STATE OF THE WORLD: The space shuttle Challenger explodes 74 seconds after liftoff, killing all aboard. A terrorist bomb explodes aboard a TWA flight from Rome to Athens. A Soviet nuclear reactor in Chernobyl, Ukraine erupts, causing the worst nuclear accident ever at a nuclear power plant. Much of the surrounding area was contaminated. The world responds with its best scientists and humanitarian assets. America celebrates the hundredth anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: Membership reaches 6 million. It had taken 156 years since the restoration to reach five million, but only four years since to reach 6 million. The thirty eighth operating temple was dedicated in Lima, Peru by Gordon B Hinckley, First Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church and the thirty ninth in Buenos Aires, Argentina by Thomas S. Monson, Second Counselor. The First Presidency issued statement opposing gambling and

lotteries. Extended initiatives are undertaken as outreach is pursued in many of the nations behind the 'Iron Curtain.'

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: Pierce and I continued work with our Heather Foundation, Journeyed to Zimbabwe to visit Heather's projects, to Ixtapa, Mexico for retreat, family pool side parties and events, Marc and Tammy moved back to Washington, Tom affiliated with Virginia law firm.

OVERVIEW: Church President Ezra Taft Benson visits Washington, D.C., Mayer Kahane lead demonstration in New York against Brigham Young University Center in Israel, Elder Neal A. Maxwell of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles speaks at DC Brigham Young University Management Dinner, Elder Boyd K. Packer of the Quorum of Twelve visits DC, I spoke at Ricks College and many venues across the nation, was named to Executive Board of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, chaired Awards Luncheon where we were honored by the presence of First Lady Nancy Regan, named to Board of Religion in American Life, journeyed to Palmyra with President Benson, lead thrust to join Interfaith Conference of DC. Handled press and other matters relating to the D.C. Temple when two inside were taken hostage by gunman, meeting arranged with Minister of Religion of Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

JOURNAL OF EVENTS

Another breathless year had begun as New Year's Day brought us the news that President Ezra Taft Benson would be coming to Washington, DC for a special conference on January 5. This was his first real visit outside of Utah since he had become President of the Church and because it was in his beloved Washington, DC we wanted to be sure everything was just as he would wish it.

That evening we were at a farewell dinner at the home Sid and Mary Foulger for our Temple President, Franklin D. Richards and his lovely wife, Helen. Our relationship with the Richards goes back some 28 years to the time when Helen served on our first organizing board for the Salt Lake Honors Cotillion. During their time in Washington, DC President Richards had been a source of support, enormous spiritual strength and great goodwill in all of our endeavors, public and private. His absence left a palpable void. At the dinner were Robert and Amy Barker, the new Temple Presidents, and Howard and Delores Wall.

On the morning of the fifth, President Benson was at the Washington Temple to set President Barker apart. It is a great thrill for Pierce and me to be included on the stand with the Mission Presidents and the Temple Presidency

The session in the Solemn Assembly Room of the Temple was beautiful and spiritual and it was a privilege to see and hear the strength with which President Benson spoke. He began by developing the theme of the necessity of making the Book of Mormon a greater part of our life. However, before he finished he said he wished to deviate from his notes and spoke of his early experiences at his mother's side as she so reverently washed and ironed her Temple clothing.

He said she would never allow them to touch the floor as she ironed them and noted that it was at this point that he began to understand the significance of the Temple and the great reverence one must have while in the Temple. He related many other stories of his childhood which provided a splendid glimpse into the early life of a Prophet of the Lord.

Later that day, at his request, I picked up Brother Gillespie his special assistant and brought him to my home where we talked from 8:30 to 11:30 in the evening. He was new in this position and I think just needed a sounding board. At that time, Arthur Haycock and he were sharing duties and I think it was helpful to him to look at the various roles one might play.

That morning, after the Temple session, President Benson spoke at the McLean Stake Conference. Approximately 2300 people were present. The joy and awe of being in the presence of our Prophet was palpable. As President Benson left the chapel the people were lined up to shake his hand. His eye gravitated to the tiny children, the sick, the lame, and those who were obviously infirm and it was their hands he shook. I was again edified and touched by his holy example.

The following day I had arranged, through Steve Studdert who was a White House assistant, for **President Benson to** meet with **President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George W. Bush** at the White House. President Benson presented President Reagan a book of the hymns which had made the Mormon Tabernacle Choir famous along with a personally autographed copy of the Book of Mormon. President Reagan spoke of President Benson's years in Washington as Secretary of Agriculture and they recalled the number of times he had sat around that same cabinet room table where they were that day.

The Vice President thanked President Benson for the wonderful work the Church had done on behalf of the starving in Africa. President Benson was pleased with the visit and we were all happy that things had gone so well.

MEDIA WORK, NEW YORK JEWISH PRESS, EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

My work with the media was beginning to bear fruit. I received an invitation from Bettye Hoffmann, **Vice President of NBC,** to attend a special retreat being held by women in the media in the spring. I appreciated being asked as it was an important step of inclusion by the national network people.

On that day I also met with David Silverberg who was doing a story on Jewish-Mormon relationships for the ***Washington Jewish Press.*** I found my relationships with all members of the Jewish community in Washington, DC to be pleasant and positive. We shared many of the same feelings and good intentions so I was saddened to see the escalation of the problems with our Church's Jerusalem Center in Israel.

This edifice nearing completion just outside Jerusalem is not a problem with the majority of Jews in America, particularly those that are moderate to liberal. However, we were harangued weekly with the most malicious of articles in the **New *York Jewish Press*** published by their ultra-conservative movement. We learned that the instigator of these attacks was an ultra-orthodox Rabbi named Meyer Kahane. He had announced he was going to schedule a demonstration in front of our Visitor's Center in New York.

I began to do all possible to ameliorate their heated rhetoric and to reach out to their larger press to provide accurate information that they might be able to, should they desire, present a balanced view.

To this end I began working with the Washington correspondent for the ***Israeli Broadcasting Agency.*** We decided to put together a 15-minute presentation which would be beamed to Israel and which would look at who the Mormons really are. I had Church Headquarters send us appropriate materials, i.e. Tabernacle Choir films, etc. in order to provide background footage which was helpful as he developed this quasi-documentary.

President Robert Barker was an invaluable support in every way possible. It wasn't until I received a letter, wherein he reminded me that he had met me first in 1969 soon after we came to Washington that I began to understand his role of initiation, inclusion and support towards me. He reminded me that in 1968 I had been asked to handle a special debutante presentation of LDS girls in the Washington, D.C. area for the Utah State Society at the prestigious Cosmos Club and it was there he first saw me in action and he reported he was 'duly impressed.'

The seventh of January was the morning for our bi-monthly meeting with the Special Affairs Committee in Washington. We had many things to discuss and a new member to add as President Barker, who had chaired the committee could not serve while he was Temple President. The Special Affairs group did not work from an agenda nor were notes kept of these deliberations, so I will not go further into the items that were discussed.

At these meeting I occasionally received a request to try to arrange for the President, Vice President or Cabinet officers to make an appearance at some event. Fortunately, there are so many outstanding members and other in positions of leadership in Washington, DC that I was able to have quite direct access as I advanced those requests which seemed most expedient.

During this time I was also planning for the visit of **Elder Boyd K. Packer** and his wife, Donna. They were coming back for Bi-Regional and Area meetings, but also wanted to make a visit to the Smithsonian to see the 'Treasure Houses of Britain' exhibit. I began planning a special tour for them.

Matters continued to escalate in the Caribbean islands. In some cases missionaries were being told that they must leave and in others visas were not being renewed. President Caddick, Mission President responsible for that area called regarding a particularly challenging issue they were facing on the island of **St. Lucia** and asked for help. I contacted Alex Morrison, Regional Representative and friend, who was also Deputy Minister of Health, in the Canadian Government. I thought he might know officials in St. Lucia and indeed he did. He arranged to meet with Prime Minister of St. Lucia who was scheduled to be in Montreal the next week; the meeting which went well.

My schedule took me to New York at least two or three times a month and, in addition to meeting with the media and the national groups of importance to Church headquarters, I always tried to arrange my visits with other needs that I had. During this time, I began taking a far more active role in **American Women and Radio and Television.** Their Vice President was Bettye Hoffmann, who was also Vice President for Standards and Practices of NBC. I met with her to solicit her advice on some media issues we were challenged by and also attended a special national luncheon of the AWRT group as her guest.

On March fifteenth I spoke at Baltimore Stake. Gail Becker, who I had met on a plane to Ixtapa Mexico and come to think of as 'friend', had asked that if I were ever in that area speaking to please let her know so she could join me. She came to hear me speak and then took me to the Country Club for lunch. I

wished I could spend more time with her but unfortunately I had very little time to cultivate and develop additional friendships.

I often reflected on ways the Lord had blessed me, far beyond anything I ever imagined. Being so busily engaged in work that mattered to me was one of those blessing. I could not think of a more satisfying life than I had at that moment and that thought helped me when waves of grieve over our Heather's absence washed over me.

Sometimes, however, I had little mishaps. I was most surprised when, on March 24 as I stood to speak at a Mission Conference in New York City to discover that I had unmatched shoes. I had risen early to catch a plane for my meetings which began at 8 am. Obviously I had slipped my feet into shoes without even looking. They were both the same color and heel height so I hoped if anyone noticed they might think that perhaps this was now the current rage, as were unmatched earrings.

We celebrated Easter, Tom's birthday and all other events relating thereto on the 30th as we attended the **Sunrise Service** at the **Visitor's Center.** This was an add-on to our Easter Programs of last year. I had encouraged them to have this Service as yet another way of providing worship opportunities where members could bring those who were not and where I could bring diplomats, their families, and members of the media to learn more of our beliefs and practices.

It was April and I was once again at General Conference with the following ten days spent in Salt Lake. Among those asking to meet with me was Elder Derek Cuthbert. He wished to review the projects we were working in as he was the member of the Area Presidency responsible for the ecclesiastical workings of the Area, which, as mentioned, extended from Canada to the Islands.

He was particularly concerned with the problems which were escalating in the Islands. The population of most of these islands was black and there were racial overtones to the kinds of propaganda that was being distributed about the Church. It was decided that I would continue to work with the Genesis group which we had formed last year in Washington, DC and that I focus on completion of the videotape of their testimonies we had begun. He felt that would be most helpful to them in combating this propaganda.

President Caddick again asked that I try to arrange time to come and tour the islands and work with the media and the Public Communications people that had been called by the Church to the Islands.

Elder Hugh Pinnock, of the Seventy, had asked that I stop by his office that day and we discussed a very sensitive issue which had occurred in New York. He also had saved a clipping on my Ricks College speech of a few days before. We spoke of the Hoffmann trial and the harm done to the Church, not to mention the people he had killed. He told me that he had been the one who had authorized the bank loan for Hoffman. This beautiful man was sick at heart that any of his actions might have impacted negatively on the Church.

Later that afternoon I had lunch with the Directors of our International Public Communications around the world. We addressed ways I might be of help to them in the international area. These are fine professionals who have enormous responsibilities as they cover such great chunks of the world. I listened to them carefully and then spoke to Richard Lindsay to help advance some of their very legitimate concerns. We arrived home the night of the 10th, an hour and a half late and with our luggage lost.

I had been asked by the Brethren to represent Sister Ardeth Kapp, General Young Women's President, and Sister Barbara Winder, General President of the Relief Society, at the **National Council of Women** and prepare evaluations with regards to my sense of the validity of the Church's continued membership. The Church had belonged to this organization for a very long time and one of our General Relief Society Presidents, Belle Spafford, had made significant contributions thereto, including serving as its president.

It felt to me like an organization that would no longer wield much influence in the United States; I did, however, feel that it could make significant contributions on the world stage. I prepared a report with recommendations for Elder Haight.

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED INITATIVES

It was an honor to have been asked to be the **Women's Week Devotional Speaker** at **Ricks College** in Rexburg, Idaho on April first. When last at Ricks the snow had been blinding and the temperature plummeting. Now as I entered the valley this gem of a Church school was at its springtime best, clothed in the burgeoning buds which heralded the coming spring. My hosts had arranged a lovely dinner the night previous and arising early the next morning I was

captivated by the look and feel of the campus and its students. Later as I looked out over the assembled gathering of approximately 6,000, I felt embraced by their warmth and spirit.

I had prayed about what to say during the weeks of preparation and had not received a confirming answer as I presented various themes to the Lord. However, just a few days before departure, for three nights in a row, I was awakened with a quiet message that said, "You must speak of Heather and Greg." I had never referred to Heather or her death in a speech up until this time; it was just too difficult. Now I wasn't sure I could do it but I'd asked for guidance and I had received it.

I tore up all I had written and sat down to tackle a subject which would force me to come face to face with my own buried emotions. As I struggled for truth and balance and a message which would inspire those gathering I saw emerge a most magnificent story of two incredible young people.

The speech I delivered that day was called P*reparing to Become God's Great Adventurers* and included the understanding that I had been given through this trial; that life on this earth is just another step to the greatest adventure of all -- the adventure of eternity.

The genesis of this speech begins with an amazing couple, Jeff and Judy Willis and their equally amazing son Greg. Jeff and Judy Willis had touched our lives since our first days in Virginia. When Tom reached Seminary age Jeff was the Seminary teacher and would appear at our door at 6:30 in the morning as it was our home in which Seminary was held. Judy had served on my Stake Young Women's Board, worked with me in ERA. It was Jeff who was Sonia Johnson's Bishop (our ERA dissident). Now their beloved son of 19 years, Gregory George Willis, was dead of cancer.

I spent much time with Judy during this period, and she allowed me to read excerpts of the journal Greg had kept during this last journey. His words read as 'scripture', profound and beautiful.

The speech seemed to have touched many hearts as following the talk I stood for almost an hour shaking hands and speaking with people young and old who said their lives had been changed because of the stories I had related of Greg and Heather.

That evening I was to make a 'little' speech at one of the Stakes. That little speech turned out to be a group of 650 women who had gathered. I had

prepared quite a different talk but halfway through I was impressed that I needed to again tell the story of Heather and Greg and so I put the rest of my outlined speech away and pulled from my notes those portions of the Ricks speech. Once again, for more than an hour and a half after the meeting I was shaking hands and hearing poignant stories of women who felt that these insights had given them the courage to go on.

One story that particularly touched my heart was told by a woman who had been a Relief Society President and whose husband had been a Stake President. They had just lost their farm to the current financial crisis after a struggle of more than two years. This crisis was taking the farms, homes and livelihoods of so many people who had been part of the soil for centuries. This woman and her husband had no idea what they would do or how they would live. She advised that she had contemplated taking her own life that very night, and something had told her that she must come to the meeting. She said with those stories ringing in her ears she now had the courage to go on; she knew that whatever happened to her would be something that she could deal with.

Another woman told of a child they had adopted three years prior, thinking she would be theirs forever, who had been taken from her that day. The natural mother had changed her mind, and the courts had found that there was a loophole which would allow the return of the child to its birth mother. She said this had been one of the blackest days of her life and she was not sure how she could survive it or the coming months. She expressed that she now felt hope and was determined that they would go back into the courts and never stop fighting to bring the child back into their home.

I have since used the portion of that speech referring to Jeff and Heather in speeches, and each time have been inundated with individuals who have waited in line to tell me their own personal sorrows and how this had given them the courage to go on. President Kimball said the Lord does hear and answer our prayers, but it is often through others that He meets our needs.

April General Conference activities began early Sunday morning as our DC Special Affairs group met with four of the Apostles who head our Committee. In addition, President Hinckley came to be with us for a portion of this time. Pierce had been able to come with me to Salt Lake so we attended all four sessions of Conference, had lunches and dinners with so many of our dear friends, and spent time with beloved family members Warren and Lynn and Jesse.

As **Elder Boyd K. Packer** came down from the stand to shake our hands on Sunday, he invited Pierce and me to come to his office on Monday morning. We were there at 8:00. It was a delightful, friendly visit as he showed us his beautiful hand-carved birds. These are such magnificent works of art that we felt they should be in a museum and actually they are now housed in a special exhibit at the BYU Art Museum. He then invited us to visit with him at his home that evening. At that time we did not realize how rare or how privileged such an invitation was.

At 11:00 we met with Elder Maxwell to renew friendships and to talk more about Heather. At 4:00 I met my sister and brother, Ursel and Warren, at the Genealogy Library where we looked once more for clues as to our Slagowski genealogy.

With great anticipation, by 6:00 we were at the Packer home. Just before sunset he conducted us on a tour of his beautiful grounds and home and was generous enough to show us the gates, the fireplaces, and many artifacts in his home which he reluctantly admitted had been carved by him. We also saw the remainder of his extraordinarily beautiful collection of birds carved by his hand.

After a lovely dinner we talked of their home and their interests. He and Donna showed us the splendid Gathering room of their home where their large family meets. They noted that their family was outgrowing even this large room, and asked for our suggestions, knowing our love of building and architecture. We left knowing that we had been uniquely blessed to share these moments and these insights in the home of a great man of the Lord and a true renaissance man of history. Donna is the perfect companion and helpmeet for him. Together they had created a family history work center where Donna, an avid historian and genealogist did her research and writing. What balance and perspective she brings; reminding me that man is neither without woman nor woman without man in the Lord.

A PROPHET AT PALMYRA

On August 1, I was asked to go to **Palmyra, New York** as **President Benson** was to visit the Hill Cumorah Pageant and to address a special Sunday morning gathering. A full schedule of Saturday meetings for me included speaking to a gathering of diverse community leaders on broad issues of communication and common cause issues and a late night meeting with those responsible for Pageant planning and publicity. On Sunday morning as I left my motel to

traverse the short stretch of freeway to Palmyra, I found traffic at a virtual standstill. As I passed highway patrolmen who were frantically trying to get this portion of the freeway moving, I asked what the problem was and he said, "I understand there is a Prophet at Palmyra."

As President Benson was speaking he began to hesitate and his words were very halting. Sitting behind him on the stand I was extremely concerned as to the problem. After a few paragraphs of his speech, he turned to the Brethren on the stand and said, "There are too many shadows on my paper. I can't read."

This broke my heart and I wondered how we could quickly provide more light without causing delay or concern to the great crowd of people who were gathered on the lawns at his feet. As these thoughts were going through my mind, Kay Whitmore, Regional Representative and also the CEO of Eastman Kodak, pulled a pocket knife out of his pocket, stood on his chair, slit the canvas awning in four ways, threw the flaps back and before anyone realized there had been a pause there was adequate light for the Prophet to see his notes.

With that act of instant decision making, I saw why Kay Whitmore was CEO of Eastman Kodak and considered one of the great business leaders of our time. Some things must just be done at that moment.

HEATHER MEANS LIFE, BECAUSE WATER IS LIFE

As noted in the introduction to this year, the purpose of our trip to Africa was to go to **Masunda, Zimbabwe** to dedicate the deep bore-hole well which had been completed with funds raised from family and friends in Heather's name. We had not wished to receive any recognition for this but were told by our in country advisor who worked for Africare and had handled contracting for the materials and equipment required to dig the well, that to not come would be to dishonor the custom of the people. With this information and our desire to see what more we could do to help the people we arranged to make the trip.

We wanted a bit of time to explore the country and to better understand its people, so, working through an in country agency, arranged to go first to the north of that country to explore their Victoria Falls and the great Zambezi river. We also wanted to see some of their wildlife. Our next stop was Caribe, a resort with attractive Moorish architecture, located on their famous man-made lake. This had been built while the country was called Rhodesia, but with the new government of the people taking over it was unused and uncared for. We were enchanted by its isolation and strangeness.

However, the second evening we were in Caribe we were called to a phone. The voice at the other end identified herself as our contact at Africare. She asked why we weren't at Masunda and advised that a ceremony, of which we were not aware as we had requested a simple, unobtrusive dedication, had been planned for the following day. With no public transportation available to us she arranged for a Protestant missionary plane to pick us up. We were instructed to be on the tarmac of a remote airstrip at sunrise. As the first light broke the sky we saw a very small plane circle and land.

As we flew over that vast country that early morning we were deeply impressed by its majesty and beauty. It was as though arms were reaching up to us. Approaching the area of the village we saw people streaming from every hill into a small plain where we were to land. As we arrived three lonely cars stood out in stark contrast to the primitive landscape. They belonged to government officials who were there for the dedication. All of the others who had gathered, numbering nearly one thousand, had made the long journey on foot.

As the festivities got under way, the leader of the people related how as the drought progressed they had been reduced to digging in the moist sand of the river bed, collecting what little moisture they could find, to save themselves, for their rivers, streams and wells were dry, their cattle dead and their crops withered. The river bed sand was now totally dry and they were gathered to see the end of the terrible threat to their village.

A chorus of two hundred or so children sang a song they had specially written, entitled, *Heather Is Life, for Water Is Life.* The song depicted the idea that Heather's spirit would reside in the souls of all who drank from her well. This song, accompanied by many individual acts of love performed by the people of Masunda, in the face of such stark adversity, taught us a gentle lesson in love. We had gone there thinking we were the healers. There we were healed.

We returned to Harare where we received a call from Senator Joseph Culverwell's office, to see if we would come and meet him. He had read a story in the newspaper about Heather's well and our presence in country. An absolutely charming man he asked if we would be willing to do some TV appearances on their national TV. He explained that he wanted us to tell our personal story and of the journey that had brought us to Masunda as he wanted others to hear it and become similarly involved in helping out this emerging nation. We agreed and over a several day period of meetings and lunches and long talks he told of his life and his dream for this new country.

At that time he expressed his determination that the children of his country would receive at least elementary school educations and told of their need for basic text books and for teachers. He explained that before the Revolution there were approximately 300 black children in schools. Now there were in excess of 30,000 in schools, most without text books, and at least that many more that should be in schools. Could we help? Thus begin our Heather Foundation Book Project for Zimbabwe.

While there we received a wire from our dear friend Frank Kimball advising that he had just given $26,000 to the Heather Campbell Memorial Fund to be used as seed money for the next project.

We returned full of ideas and concerns for the children in Zimbabwe. We had wanted to be of help to these people. These concerns are reflected in a report entitled, 'Recommendations for Future Project Considerations - Zimbabwe," which is in the appendix.[4] Committed to do more we added members to our Africare Heather Campbell Memorial Committee and set about trying to accomplish all that we could in this regard.

We stopped in London on our way home and traveled to Groombridge Place to overnight with Rosemary Newton. This home dates back to the fourteenth century. It is one of the few estates in England still intact which is surrounded by a moat. Rosemary was a delight. We were hosted at a beautiful dinner in a room (and house) filled with priceless antiques. Her guests were scintillating and knowledgeable. We slept in beautiful antique beds with springs of ropes and down 'tics' so thick and luxurious that once in them you could barely see out.

The next morning we walked the estate. She showed us the gardens, the 'armory room' filled with many full suits of armor, shields, swords and every kind of ancient weaponry, and the numerous auxiliary buildings. Our next tour was of the house itself beginning with the portraits of the original owners, the Packers, and continued with generations of that line who had called Groombridge home.

After lunch and a bit of a rest she showed us the village of Royal Tumbridge Wells, of which she, as owner of Groombridge, was patron. We explored the shops and inns and our last stop was the church which was still a part of the property. What a treat!

We arrived home late in the evening of May twenty sixth hating to say goodbye to this wonderful adventure.

NATIONAL COMMISSION AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING AND INTERFAITH CONFERENCE

I had been asked to head the **Awards Committee of the National Commission against Drunk Driving.** I believe this was based on my recommendation that if they wished to become a more workable and essential organization they needed to serve as the umbrella group for all other groups working on the drunk driving issue, i.e. MADD, SADD, etc. This idea was discussed, we all felt that this direction would allow the organization to gain visibility, not only for itself, but for all such groups with whom it would affiliate and who would be honored. They asked me to flush the idea out, develop a working format and head the planning and execution of the Award Luncheon.

At the next meeting of this Board, consisting of some 40 of the top executives of the businesses of this nation, the full plans for this expansion was presented and approved. We then went on to the White House for a special briefing and after lunch broke into individual committee meetings, where I was asked if I would take on yet another assignment unique to Capitol Hill and to our Boards new thrust of including other organizations.

Work was now apace on the Awards luncheon planning. Knowing we needed a star to make this new program viable, I asked Richard Wirthlin if he could assist us in reaching the wife of our President, Nancy Reagan to see if she would accept our highest award.

Richard was President Reagan's personal pollster and strategist and was also considered by them as friend. He was able to articulate our awards intent to Mrs. Reagan, and since this Commission had begun as a Presidential Commission, she agreed to attend and to accept. We worked with the Secret Service and the White House staff for some time to be sure that everything went flawlessly.

With the help of my talented daughter in law Tammy, who was a junior executive at an advertising agency, we were able to orchestrate an exciting awards presentation ceremony starting with a poignant video presentation she put together.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of our Award to Nancy Reagan. She spoke warmly of the import of the groups. Her remarks were followed by a

surprise video message from her husband, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States. No one but our audio/video people and I knew was coming.

Tammy and the National Association of Broadcasters had created a brilliant video introduction to each of the other honorees. All recipients were pleased to receive an unusually handsome Lucite award created just for this occasion.

This first luncheon was a hit from beginning to end and we raised some $90,000 in contributions which went to help the cause of the Commission.

For more than a year I had been working with **The Interfaith Conference of Washington, DC.** I felt it would be useful for the Church to be a member of this organization for two major reasons: 1) They were the organization that other countries looked to when they came to Washington and sought to identify those religious groups considered legitimate by our recognized, 'mainstream', religious bodies. This was not just for purposes of inclusion but also for exclusion, as this information served as a basis for rejecting religious groups seeking to come into their countries. 2) They were not seeking ecumenical compromise but rather to find common cause to work together to the betterment of the greater community.

For that entire year as I attended their meeting as an observer (required before we could be accepted) there was hostility and rejection towards the 'Mormon' Church by the heads of all other religions represented with the exception of those of the Jewish faith. Nonetheless I continued to advance our interest in membership.

My great friend Ed Leavy of B'nai B'rith had been a steadfast supporter through all of this, and we were accepted as members only when he advised that if our membership was not accepted he and all other Jewish organizations would pull their memberships. I hope someday we can return the favor in support of their issues and causes. On the 28th of October we were accepted into the group and participated in our first ceremonial meeting which was a moving spiritual experience. It began with a joint interfaith service at **St. Matthew's Cathedral where for the first time the Book of Mormon** was read in that venue, as each of the religious groups represented read from their scriptures.

Following the service we went to the B'nai B'rith offices where the meeting of the Executive Committee was held, and where we were welcomed as members. Just as I was amazed at the hostility that had been expressed as the various committees had called upon to present the position of their Church regarding

our acceptance as a legitimate religious organization, I was also amazed at the great love which was extended to us that day.

D.C. TEMPLE HOSTAGE TAKING

How surprised I was when I turned the television on the night of October twenty second to see that a gunman had entered the **Washington, DC Temple**, had taken hostages and the Temple was now termed by the press as 'under siege.' I immediately called the Temple President, Robert Barker, to see what the situation was. He expressed his feeling that the less that was said about it, the better; his reasoning, he didn't wish to escalate the matter further.

The media was camped outside the Temple but reluctantly I stayed at home. Throughout the night there were frequent news flashes, most incorrect, as they had no one to give them accurate information and updates and speculation ran rampant. As I spoke with President Barker throughout the night, he advised me that he still felt it was better if there was no one was there who officially spoke for the Church until it was resolved. President Barker had just had a heart operation and I was worried about the enormous stress this placed on him.

The first call I received at 7:00 the next morning was from President Hinckley who asked me what was going on. I told him all that I knew but that President Barker had hoped to minimize the press impact by having no official presence. President Hinckley said, "That's all I've heard all night out here, and I suggest you get over there and take care of it."

Subsequently the day was spent with the media. That was the first time since I had been in that office that the media was extraordinarily interested in everything we had to say. I found that I was able to use this to provide them with some very positive stories about the Church, correct the many inaccuracies they were reporting, and tell them the stories of temples, their importance to us and why they were considered holy and why no one without proper credentials could enter.

The story went as follows: "On Wednesday, October 22, 1986 about 7:45 p.m. a young man appeared at the back door to the Baptistery of the Washington Temple attempting to get in with an expired 1984 'Baptisms Only' temple recommend. Brother Carl Olson answered the door and talked to the man about the expiration of the recommend, a gun was produced and Brother Olson was told to take him to the Celestial room. Brother Olson suggested that he

might be more interested in another special room, the Solemn Assembly room. Brother Olson led him to the Solemn Assembly room.

Later as a search was began a security guard, Jose Mendez, heard noises and found them in the room. When the man saw Brother Mendez he informed him that he would have to stay there also. Leake held the two men hostage at gunpoint. The police were called in and they communicated with the gunman through Brother Mendez' two-way radio. The man identified himself as Clarence St. Clair Leake, a member of the Church. He talked to the two confined brethren and to the police, but made no demands, just threats of damage by ammunition and other explosives planted in the temple.

At approximately 3:00 a.m. Brother Olson was released unharmed. Then, after much encouragement by family, friends and the police Leake gave himself up at around 8:50 a.m. Thursday morning. No motive for Mr. Leake's actions is known. He was taken to the Montgomery Detention Center where bond was set and investigation proceedings begun. He was out on bond, but had to face additional charges in Fairfax County in Northern Virginia for embezzlement."

It was interested to find in talking with the D.C. media that they felt personal affront. They didn't like it that someone would attack this beautiful edifice which had by then become such a major landmark in the Washington, DC area. I met a reporter at a party later who said to me, "I couldn't believe the way you were able to get your story out. You obviously led the interviewers into the stories you wanted to tell. I congratulate you on your expertise." I must say I'm not always able to do that, and so I was pleased with the sense that all had gone well.

MINISTER KHARCHEV OF USSR

In the midst of all of this I received a telephone call from Rabbi Schneier, the head of the Appeal of Conscious Foundation headquartered in New York City, advising that Konstantin Kharchev, Chairman of the Council on Religious Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was going to be in Washington the next day, November twenty seventh. The query: "Do you wish to meet with him." Such a visit was unprecedented and to have an opportunity to meet with him even more so.

Did we? Elder Russell M. Nelson and I had been looking for opportunities to reach this man since we began our work together, as had Elder Hans Ringger and others.

Knowing how sensitive and unprecedented this opportunity was I phoned Elder Nelson and advised him of this opening; asking if he desired me to go ahead with such a meeting and if so who he would like to have around the table. After consulting with others he advised that we proceed and suggested others in the DC area who might be involved in such a meeting. Asking what he would like me to come away with he said: "An appointment for me with Minister Kharchev in Moscow." I have learned that Elder Nelson is a man of no small requests; for him nothing is impossible.

By way of background, Rabbi Schneier had founded the *Appeal of Conscience Foundation* a private/public organization which served as a point of contact for foreign dignitaries, ministers of religion and highly placed religious leaders from around the world who were concerned with religious freedom issues or who wished to have contact with other religions.

This Foundation served a most important role as the United States has no governmental body specifically designed to handle religious matters as all Communist and many other countries did (although their purpose was to exclude and control religions). Rabbi Schneier' service over the years to all those in the world who are seeking avenues for discussion of religious freedom matter should never be forgotten. He certainly proved to be invaluable in the work I was asked to do.

I arranged for President Robert Barker, Ralph Mecham, Ralph Hardy, Bruce Christensen, Richard Richards and myself to be in attendance at this meeting. On their side was the USSR Ambassador, Yuri Dubinin and two key members of their embassy staff, along with their Ambassador. It was an unprecedented meeting. The Minister spent the bulk of his time assuring us of existence of religious freedom in the USSR.

At the conclusion I told him how pleased we were to learn that such was the case. I also advised that one of our Apostles would like to journey to Moscow to meet with him. Taken aback he suggested this would be difficult to do. I advised not to worry that I would work with the Ambassador and Embassy staff to that end. Not happy about it, he reluctantly agreed and the 'dance began'.[5]

OTHER BOARDS, EVENTS, SPEECHES

On November second I flew to Los Angeles to speak at their Stake Relief Society Conference on women's role in the Church and in society, and to touch on some of my new findings on Eve's role in Eden, in response to a request from Claire

Hardy Johnson. Claire is one of those truly brilliant, spiritually astute, solidly grounded women who are so widespread in the Church. We worked together on the Public Communications Advisory Committee.

That evening I was a guest at Claire's home. It was a delightful overnight and I relished long evening and early morning conversation with Claire. As a mother of nine sons her life was filled every minute yet her brilliant mind was even focused on matters of the Kingdom.

Also during this time I had been asked by Salt Lake to work with the **Religious Alliance Against Pornography** and we planned a major national event which was held in Washington on November. I was able to put them in touch with Richard Wirthlin who again, through the use of his good office, was able to arrange briefing sessions for them with President Reagan. I was also able to make it possible for them to hold meetings in two of the hearing rooms in the U.S. Capitol.

It was time for our **DC/BYU Management Society Dinners**. By way of background; a group of us who served on the BYU Management Society Board decided to begin these dinners in the early 80's. As the attendance at these dinners began to grow and our speakers became more 'global' I came to believe that these dinners would be a perfect place for Ambassadors we were working with, or knew we would need to work with, to see 800 or so Mormons together.

In such a setting they would come to understand that our community was made up of wonderfully bright and talented contributors to society, thereby putting to rest many pejorative cultural myths which were everywhere. We began by inviting a few ambassadors to join us and the number grew each year.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell understood my thinking on this matter and agreed to deliver our first apostolic address. Many Ambassadors expressed their new understanding and profound appreciation for the values he advanced. He ended his address with an Apostolic Blessing on all those gathered and specifically on the Ambassadors in attendance, their families and their countries. Many understood the significance of this and were deeply and spiritually touched. I particularly remember expression of gratitude from African ambassadors and surprisingly from Mid-Eastern ambassadors.

Elder Maxwell always prepared carefully. His speeches were honed with each thought and word having meaning to the whole and each introducing important moral and government related concepts. He came to D.C. often thereafter to

address groups we identified as critical to our work as his schedule would allow. Even the shortest speeches (8 minutes at the Christmas Lighting Ceremony at the D. C. Temple Visitors Center) were diligently written and rewritten, until perfected. When we had in-country problems these speeches were often sent by Ambassadors to their country to show what our leaders were saying.

TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

January eleventh was Pierce's birthday and I planned a surprise party for him in the Chinese tradition. Our live in housekeeping couple, who we had hired in the early fall, were from mainland China. They were both working on their Ph.D.'s and were brilliant young people. They needed to earn money and have a place to live, so were grateful for the job. They worked for us six hours each day before they went to school. They generally studied an additional six to eight hours each day after their classes.

They acquainted me with true Chinese customs and had asked specifically if they could make Pierce's birthday cake. We set low tables with cushions on the floor in our Sky Room, and with the Fletchers, Walls, Wirthlins, Richards and Folgers as guests the celebration was warm and filled with camaraderie and laughter. The cake arrived at the appropriate time. As we cut into it we found it was made with a variety dried fruits and sticky rice, all considered a delicacy. Lee and Gao were extremely proud of it and we were delighted to have them participate in our celebration.

The next day Cheryl McKay came to brunch with us and brought her son Christian. Cheryl had been one of our Cotillion girls during our years in Salt Lake and additionally, her parents Ed and Lonnie McKay were numbered among our closest friends during the time we lived there.

At this time another person emerged who played a role in my activities this year. Her name was Barbara Lockhart. I met Barbara when I had spoken in Philadelphia where she was Dean of the School of Physical Education at Temple University. Barbara had been an Olympic athlete in 1964. This year, she was President of the American Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; a tremendous honor for someone so young.

She had come to me, asking me if I would help her develop a program which would help place greater emphasis on the need for young people to have daily physical education and would give prestige and promise to the members of the

physical education/recreation profession. I met with her several times and gave her ideas of what she could do, but stressed that I was not interested in taking further clients.

As time wore on she wore my resistance down and I begin to work with her. I thought that perhaps it might be a project Tammy could take through her agency and perhaps give Tammy national visibility. Each time I worked on it, however, the rewards from time spent paled in comparison to my work with the Brethren and although throughout the spring and summer we developed a program and a proposal my heart wasn't in it.

Although my commitment to the Church was for just four days a week it required, and I wished to give it, my full attention for all six. That year, perhaps ten other proposals, asking to retain me for projects, came in, each offering retainer fees of some significance. In each case I listened. In most cases I found their proposals not only worthwhile but exciting. However I ultimately rejected them all as I wished to have my time available to develop new initiatives for the Church.

As further evidence of the sensitivity of our General Authorities, on March 5 I received a note from Elder Boyd K. Packer with an attached article which he had read out of the TWA magazine on his flight home. He and I had discussed my love of Palladian architecture and the challenges I had in designing our latest house in trying to develop the formula for what would be a classic and therefore perfect-sized room.

In this article it pointed out "Therefore a room whose longer wall was one-third longer than the shorter wall and one-fifth longer than the height from ceiling to floor, would in much simplified theory, resonate as a triad. Add to this room another width of complimentary proportion and the harmonies grow more complex. Build a palace to such a plan and you have constructed a symphony." How could a man with his responsibilities find time for such a personal and individual gesture?

The month ended with a phone call from Elder Neal Maxwell. He had taken up the matter regarding Heather and further temple work to President Hinckley. President Hinckley had asked us to put it in writing as it was a matter which had to be taken to the First Presidency in a special Temple session, and so we did.

My brother, Blaine, and his wife arrived o May to spend a few days with us. We enjoyed them enormously and although I was not able to spend every minute with them, Pierce was such a gracious host. He took them on his usual tour to Gettysburg as he was a Civil War expert

During all of this time our dear friend, Jim Fletcher, was being courted to return as head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It was a position he had held once before and he was not anxious to return. It would mean giving up all of the boards and commissions he served on, the travel he enjoyed and would require extensive commitment at a most difficult time.

This request was occasioned as a result of the fiery accident which took the lives of all those who were aboard the space shuttle Challenger I as it was launched from the Kennedy Space Center some two months prior. We had talked often with Jim about this and he said he would only return at the direct request of the President. The President did call on him and Jim felt he had a responsibility to his country, and so he returned.

Marc and Tammy had decided to come to Virginia to explore new opportunities. Needless to say we were delighted. We were anxious to see them more and to spend time with our grandson. We encouraged them to settle into the guest quarters on the first floor of our home inasmuch as they would need some time to get to know the area and decide where to live. The only problem with this was that our housekeeping couple, Gao and Lee were firmly settled in and we didn't wish to give them up.

We looked around this enormous 9,000 square foot house and decided the only thing to do was make an efficiency apartment out of the garage for a housekeeping couple and to add another wing. This was not a hardship for me. My desire to add and build is ever with me. The moment anything gets finished I want a new architectural challenge. I had already decided that with our bevy of little grandsons in this extraordinarily formal house we needed a Great Room off the kitchen so they could make messes and run and play.

The new wing consisted of three stories; a Great Room measuring 24' x 32' above a new three-car garage and above it an exercise room with lots of deep closets for out of season clothes storage and a two-story atrium to connect the bridges of my dressing room to the new wing and to tie a large balcony into the major part of the house.

Marc, who had been hired to act as our construction supervisor and did a yeoman job in dealing with the problems as this addition was every bit as hard as building an entire house. Our house was now exceeding 14,000 sq. ft. under roof and every inch of it was used by the family and as an Embassy for the church. Because this house becomes a major player in this portion of our history, as it became an Embassy for my international activities for the church.

Heather's August birthday was approaching and I wanted our family to be together. We took a three-bedroom apartment at Ocean City right on the beach with all the amenities at our doorstep and invited those who could to be with us for any part of the week they could.

None of us were able to leave our business behind for a full week however, we all played and enjoyed and ate and sunned and swam and had celebrations almost every night; there was Marc and Tammy's wedding anniversary; Heather's birthday, my birthday which had not been celebrated because I was in Zimbabwe, and Bradley's birthday. Each night was a different theme party with lots of gifts and laughter and nonsense

Thanksgiving was spent together and what a great joy. I was glad to have this chance to show off our new dining room table. I had not been able to find one that seemed to be just right for our needs and so had commissioned a 9 foot long, ¾ inch thick oval glass top with beveled edges to rest on two large pillars I had found at a building supply store. Pierce and I antiqued them and just before dinner they were dry enough to put glass on top.

There was one major mistake, the glass weighed nearly 400 lbs. and required four men to lift and move it. This became a significant problem as we broke the room down for dinner parties with three or four round tables seating 8 or 10, important as the international work exploded.

I had scheduled a BYU Management Society Christmas party (some 70 business and government leaders) to be held in our home on December 14th however It seemed like construction of this new wing was running just weeks behind schedule. The day of the event the painters were finishing the painting and the staining of the woodwork, crews were outside putting up lights, and there were ladders inside as we were finishing the Christmas decorations. I am happy to report that by 7:30 the wreaths were on all windows, including the one over our front entry which towered some 18 feet, the Christmas tree decorated and fires were lit in the three main floor fireplaces.

The house sparkled with the spirit of Christmas. As Pierce, immaculate in his suit and I in my sequined dress stood to shake hands with arriving guests no one would have guessed that just an hour before we were both in our jeans with dirt underneath our fingernails.

With the NCADD luncheon on December 18th and all that was involved most of my Christmas shopping was left for the three days before Christmas with Marc and I dashing through the stores just hours before Christmas Eve to finish up the last minute items. He is such a fun person to shop with. I had decided that I wanted to give Pierce a television with the new 50 inch screen inasmuch as television and video movies were his major source of relaxation and we now had a Great Room appropriate for such a monster. With Marc's help we found it, convinced the store to deliver it within the next hour, and went on to all the other things that needed to be done.

Our Christmas Eve party on the 23rd once again encompassed our dearest friends. The next evening we celebrated as a family and then all but the children stayed up a good portion of the night assembling and wrapping gifts and as usual all of us spent most of the next day opening gifts. Matt and Bradley delighted in the twin play complex we had given them which included slides and climbing bars and platforms to stand on and hide under and which would thereafter be part of our Great Room. TJ and Robert loved the radio controlled space hoods with laser guns.

Our major gift to the adult couples was a trip they could collectively plan and which would take us wherever they wanted to go to do whatever they wanted to do. You will hear about where that was in the next year's entries. And, a glorious New Year began.

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He has made everything beautiful in His own time
Ecclesiastes 3:11

It was an entirely new world as viewed from 90 feet beneath the water. The wreck of the Rhone lay peacefully on its side and was inhabited by thousands and thousands of fish of seemingly unlimited shape and hue. The coral which had grown on every surface was full of color and brilliance.

I had never anticipated anything so beautiful. Being the first down on this dive I was able to explore for a few moments on my own. In these moments I had an exhilarating yet humbling sense of the awesome wonder of all those things we have yet to see, thing which exist in the universe but of which we know not.

STATE OF THE WORLD: "Tear down this wall," words, like shots, heard round the world, uttered by President Ronald Reagan, as he visited Berlin, West Germany. Leaders of the Tamil rebellion in Sri Lanka sign peace agreement in India. World population reaches 5 billion. Wall Street Black Monday as market plunges to 508.32 losing 22% of its value, major recession in the United States begins. U.S. celebrates bicentennial signing of its constitution.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: President Ezra Taft Benson dedicates the Frankfurt Germany Temple, Missionaries asked to leave Zimbabwe, Mark Hoffman, forger of Salamander Letters pleads guilty to murder, Hotel Utah to be closed, remodeled and opened as Joseph Smith Building, Elder Russell M. Nelson travels to DC to present check to the Ambassador of USSR in response to earthquake in Armenia.

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: We had gifted our children with a trip of their choosing. They opted for a sailing and scuba trip to the Caribbean. My sister Arlene died of cancer. Travel to Yucatan with friends. As Heather family project we sought out, obtained, prepared and shipped books to Zimbabwe, obtained medicines to help in Mozambique, a country torn by a horrifying Civil War, leaving an entire nation of children parentless.

PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW: A time of intense activity in the International arena had begun. There was a need to meet with various Ministers of Religion of Communist countries that appointments might be set for Elder Nelson and others of the Twelve to visit them in country; Traveled to New

York often to meet with a variety of these Ministers as guests of the Appeal of Conscious Foundation; Elder Nelson asked me to actively and aggressively seek meetings with Czechoslovakian Minister of Religion & Ambassador; Initiatives with Romania and Bulgaria took on new focus; Was involved in the PBS Special, *Mormons, Missionaries to the World*; Book project to Zimbabwe took on new importance as missionaries were asked to leave that country.

JOURNAL OF YEARS EVENTS

I wrote previously of the meeting in late November with Konstantin Kharchev, Minister of Religion of the **United Socialist Soviet Republic.** I spoke often with the Ambassador and others at the Embassy regarding our proposed visit by Elder Nelson to Minister Kharchev, however, when Elder Nelson came to be our guest speaker at the DC/BYU Management Society Dinner on the evening of February 6, there still had been no final resolution as to the date of such a visit. Again long negotiations; a meeting was set and finally realized on June 10th of 1987.

Elder Nelson's letter to me regarding that meeting reads in part: "... we were privileged to meet not only with Mr. Konstantin Kharchev, but with his deputies...we also visited leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church, Seventh Day Adventists...and the chief rabbi of Moscow in a Jewish Synagogue during the celebration of bar mitzvah.

Religious freedoms really do exist in the USSR, and we were fortunate enough to witness this reality firsthand. To you we are grateful for initiating the idea that such a visit could be made. For this and for all that you do we extend our deepest gratitude."[6] As other meetings were set and discussions opened, the country was blessed, rededicated and the work moved forward.

In March of 1987 Elder Nelson expressed a desire to meet with the Ambassador of **Romania**. As this Ambassador was not known to many in Washington and his reputation was of one with no interest in 'Westerners' or Western ideas of freedom, I knew this would be difficult. The purpose of this meeting was to elicit his help in setting up a meeting for Elder Nelson to travel to Romania to meet with their Minister of Religion. I spoke to my "Hill" contacts about this and Senator Harry Reid advised he would be traveling in Romania and would seek such a visit.

An appointment was set, confirmed by both the Senator and myself, and yet after Elder Nelson traveled to that country it was not kept. On his second visit to Romania some meetings were honored and other set up in country by Elder Nelson. That night when he arrived in Washington D. C. he presented me with a hand painted egg for my egg collection which he had gently carried all the way from Romania. Such generosity of spirit was so appreciated. Negotiations with that country continued with an increasing intensity.

Also at that time Elder Nelson asked if we could assist in arranging a high level meeting in **Bulgaria.** Knowing of Congressman Tom Lantos's ties to that part of the world I met with him and he agreed to host a breakfast meeting in his office with that Ambassador and Elder Nelson.

On August fourth the meeting went forward, attended by two very surprised key Embassy officials. The last thing they expected in a Congressman's office was to meet with a religious leader, much less one who wanted to come to their country. This was the beginning of a series of initiatives eventually culminating with in- country appointments set, rejected and finally kept.

The following day Elder Nelson's office sent me a letter that he had written to the Minister of Religion of **Bulgaria** indicating that he would be available to be in Sophia, their capitol city, October 19 or October 28.

For some time I had been meeting and talking with George Cornell who was considered the Dean of Religious Writers and a Senior Correspondent for **Associated Press.** I liked him very much, and felt he was really listening and interested in who we were as a Church. On March 6 the first really positive story that had appeared about the Church, in a long time, was sent over the AP wires, thanks to him.

During this period of time there were other great men at work. I had met with Robert Wilson who was the Vice President of **Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company** at the Religion in American Life dinner in New York in May. I knew they had a branch of their company in Zimbabwe and so told him of the concerns that we had for the children of that country asked if there was a way they could give us medical supplies.

He set to work on this immediately, and after speaking with Africare we found that the greatest needs were in **Mozambique** not Zimbabwe. I spoke again with Mr. Wilson and advised of this need and that Africare could handle all details, border crossings, etc. Early in August I received a letter from Mr.

Wilson advising that a very large quantity of medical supplies and medicines had been obtained and was on its way through Africare, under our Heather Foundation, to be distributed in the refugee camps to which these people had been forced to flee.

During that month of May, I had been collecting the ideas of the **Special Affairs Committee** as to the kind of organization we might recommend which could work independent of the Church and do the same kinds of work that B'nai B'rith does for the Jewish faith. We had worked extensively on this and on the night of the 27th Ralph Hardy and I were still at his office at 9:00 as we were preparing the final draft of this as there had been a request that it be sent overnight to Salt Lake for consideration by the Special Affairs Committee the next morning. After several months of discussions it was decided that we could do the work needed through our office and other existing organizations and so the plan was not executed.

One of my major goals when I established this office was to extend our reach to the greater community. On June 14 we were hosts to the **Religious Public Relations Council of Washington, D.C. at the Visitor's Center.**

I also had been very involved with the documentary which was aired over PBS called *Mormons - Missionaries to the World* and had represented the Church on the dais of the **Religion in American Life** dinner in New York City. These and other activities of that period are reflected in the Quarterly Report of this period.

Each month there was a special evening fireside called **Why I Believe** at the Washington D.C. **Visitors Center**. This had become a highlight for those who wished to bring investigators, as the most distinguished and brilliant of our members in Washington, D.C, were asked to speak.

I was concerned when asked to speak having been preceded by Congressmen, Senators, the president of Black and Decker and being followed by the President of PBS, and our Regional Representatives. On the appointed evening, more than 800 people were in attendance at the Visitor's Center. I was truly pleased with the message the Lord helped me deliver. I am touched by a letter I received from our Mission President, Dennis Simmons, which is attached along with the text of that speech, as it truly does reflect, "Why I believe."[7]

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED INITATIVES

ZIMBABWE

Elder Neal A. Maxwell's concern for the work in Africa was deep. After he received the First Contact assignment for the **Continent of Africa** our initiatives in those countries increased exponentially. It was early, around six, on a lovely spring morning, when the phone rang. I was sitting in my dressing room planning my day. It was Elder Maxwell. He advised that our missionaries had been asked to leave **Zimbabwe;** did we have any ideas that might help keep them in country?

He did not know of our family project in that country but as Pierce and I talked we knew it held the key. We also understood why we had felt such urgency to lay a strong foundation for that project. God knows what is going to be needed long before we do; all he requires of us is to keep moving forward in honor and integrity.

That morning Pierce and I devised a plan which would build on the foundation we had already laid and which involved the man I wrote of in 1985, Senator Joseph Culverwell, Deputy Minister of Education for that new government and a legend in that new country.

We asked Elder Maxwell if the missionaries were allowed to stay in country could they receive and distribute these books we were sending as a part of the Church's humanitarian service projects. His reply, after consultation with others, was, "Yes."

We immediately placed a telephone call to Senator Culverwell and told him of the missionaries' plight, while at the same time asking how our Heather Foundation Book Project was moving forward in-country. We had already sent several sea containers of elementary school books to them from the Foundation. He told us the quantity we had provided was important but they did not begin to satisfy their needs.

We advised that there was a possible way to accomplish both of our objectives. Inasmuch as we had access to tens of thousands of these critical books we could step up the quantity being shipped to his country. There was one problem however as their delivery would require the services of the Church's humanitarian arm and our missionaries in-country.

We explained that the US law under which our new supplier donated these texts to us, required that they not go to governments, but only to service or humanitarian organizations. Further, they could not be placed directly in the schools, but would have to be distributed by volunteer or charity organizations to the homes, libraries and institutions, which would require our Church and our missionaries. He agreed that he would propose such a plan to the government and see how it was received.

The following day Senator Culverwell called and said the missionaries could only come back in if they would not only receive and distribute the books, but take the time to help teach citizens to read and write English. We asked Elder Maxwell, who as an educator cared very much about this issue. Again, policy was made; Elders were assigned to spend four hours a week in this pursuit. What a great opportunity for our missionaries to help and reach the people. Elder Maxwell's vision took this precept much further and you know the results of that; four hours each week of service is now standard for our missionaries around the world.

We also wrote to our dear friend, Mr. Hungwe, who at that time was Vice President of the People's Farmers' Union of Zimbabwe to see if he would assist in the distribution of these books to his peoples. We could think of no better way to see that the message of the gospel is heard among all of the Shona tribes of Zimbabwe. He replied that he would be delighted to be of whatever help he could be. He also reported that our Heather/ Kimball dam which was being built on the site Pierce and he had selected during our visit was progressing nicely.

A little on the background of these books: At the time we started our Heather Foundation Book Project I called our good friend, Ray Warner, who was with the US Department of Education and asked about the availability of books. He said he would see if there were any publishers who had textbooks they would be willing to donate to our cause.

He called back and advised that we could have between $1-2 million worth of books which another consortium had been unable to ship. The caveat; we would need to stamp each book with the stamp 'not for resale,' ship and arrange for their proper distribution. If we could do all this they were ours. Our contact was a book broker named Max Celnik who resided in New York. He proved to be an invaluable associate over the years and in later years we turned this entire book project over to the Humanitarian Services arm of the Church. You will read in these next few years how these books were used

again and again to open doors to nations that the Lord's purposes might be served. As of the date of this writing in excess of 15 million dollars' worth of text books have been sent to numerous nations.

It is so interesting to see how the Lord uses our initiative for His own ends. It seems He is likely directing our trajectory long before we have any sense of it.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN MINISTER OF RELIGION AND AMBASSADOR

A call advising that the Czechoslovakian Minister of Religion, Vladimir Janku, would be in New York City the night of May 28th was received from Rabbi Arthur Schneier. He was hosting a special reception for him, and had invited the Church to send a representative. On contacting Salt Lake I was advised that some didn't feel it was terribly important to go but I should make my own judgments. I immediately called Elder Russell M. Nelson and asked, "Elder Nelson, are you interested in opening relations with Czechoslovakia?" He replied: "Elder Ringger and I have been on our knees for two weeks to find a way that we might be able to get into that country, and we have felt it would not be possible."

I advised of the invitation and said that of course I would fly to New York for that affair. I queried Elder Nelson if it would be appropriate for me to say, if it were possible he would like to visit Minister Janku in Prague? He said "absolutely" and that I should take the Minister his personal greetings.

The next evening I did just that at the reception in New York City. I found Vice Minister Janku to be a pleasant, agreeable man. We shared some moments of laughter together as he talked about the information he had about the Church and I steered him away from those most erroneous impressions.

The Ambassador of Czechoslovakia, Miroslav Houstecky, was also there that evening, and I made it a point to speak with him as well. After advising him of who I was I invited them to be our guests at a special luncheon to include DC dignitaries at our Temple Visitors Center and to a dinner in their honor at my home in Virginia.

Ambassador Houstecky said he had long admired our temple as he drove the Beltway and would be interested in learning more about it. On my return to

Washington I sent a letter reissuing this invitation. He called immediately and set a date two day hence.[8]

We made arrangements for me to meet them at the Embassy and to go with them in their embassy car. We spent two hours at the Visitors Center where I had asked Ralph Hardy to join me in giving them a special welcome and tour. Afterwards, they invited me to their residence for tea. The tea was a magnificently prepared luncheon and they did not question my request for hot water and lemon rather than tea.

As we sat around the table and talked I felt they were people I had known forever. I recognized very clearly that we were operating from a totally different ideology but I still feel that we could bridge those differences and find common cause.

I reported on these activities to Elder Nelson and he advised me that his schedule would bring him to Washington, D.C. on August 4, and if I would like to schedule something for him during that period of time that he would be at my disposal. I suggested that we might have a dinner with the Ambassador and his wife and other friends at my home so that we could continue to pursue the invitation to Czechoslovakia. Elder Nelson and I had already written to Vice Minister Janku to tell him of Elder Nelson's desire to visit.

A beautiful dinner was planned in my home on that August night and we were 14 at dinner.[9] In keeping with my outreach philosophy, that wherever possible these diplomats and leaders should come to know us as people of substance and accomplishment, I had carefully selected members of our LDS community who I thought the Ambassador would wish to know. Joining us and Elder Nelson for this night were the Bruce Christiansen's, President of the Public Broadcasting System, the Ralph Meacham's, administrator of all of US Court systems, Jim and Fay Fletcher, Jim headed NASA and Marc and Tammy as I liked to include a family member if they were available..

A letter of thanks from the Ambassador was hand delivered by his chauffer the following day. In it he indicated that he had wired the Vice Minister of Religion advising him that he should receive Elder Nelson when he was to come in September.

Thus began a period of negotiations, promises, broken appointments, outreach, breakfasts and dinners at the Embassy and at our home - always to advance the Churches needs and when key, with Elder Nelson in attendance.

A lifelong friendship with the Ambassador and his wife was formed. Elder Nelson traveled back and forth to that country, each time advancing the cause for recognition just a little.

HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR

We began meetings at that same time with 'Hill' people whose contacts in **Hungary** were firm. I had been advised by Frank Madsen that Miklos Radvanyi, a native of that country, having received political asylum and also having joined the church, had recently been in Hungary and the Hungarian Government had expressed an interest in developing some kind of dialogue. He said that he had sent a letter to the Church six weeks before and had heard nothing.

We were fortunate to have Elder Nelson as our keynote speaker at the DC/BYU Management Society dinner and as Elder Nelson and I were standing in the receiving line together that night I asked if he had any interest in opening relations with Hungary. I told him what I knew and asked if he would like to meet with these two people. He requested that we meet in the morning, which was Sunday.

I hastily arranged for Frank and Miklos to join us and on Sunday morning Pierce picked up Elder Nelson. I put together a brunch from what was in our refrigerator and pantry and we had a most productive and hopeful meeting as discussed what might be done in Hungary.

Never one to let any opening pass Elder Nelson asked that we plan a visit for him and set appointments in country as soon as possible. This was accomplished and in weeks Elder Nelson flew to Hungary and dedicated the land for preaching of the gospel. Although the Church had not been officially accepted as a religion, they, as a gesture of good faith allowed us to bring four missionaries into Hungary while we were awaiting official acceptance.

After many contacts, I developed a relationship with their Ambassador. Pierce and I invited him and his wife to our home to meet with Elder Nelson. This dinner was attended by many key LDS business and government leaders. Ambassador Hazy was pleased with this new opportunity. Elder Nelson met with Ambassador quietly after dinner in our Library, received assurances that meetings would be arranged. They took a great interest in the church and tried to be of continuing help. I was invited often to their Embassy and to cultural events at the Kennedy Center.

AMBASSADOR DUBININ AND UNION OF SOCIALIST SOVIET REPUBLICS

Relations with the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics (USSR) were moving forward through a series of planned contacts and supportive events. After the visit of Mrs. Liana Dubinina, wife of Soviet Ambassador, Yuri Dubinin to the Washington, D.C Visitor's Center on November 15 and our conversation wherein she expressed an interest to speak more of the philosophies of the Church, I suggested a private luncheon in my home.

However, before that could happen there was a terrible earthquake in Armenia. I spoke with Elder Nelson regarding this and inquired if the Church wished to make a contribution or show support in anyway. Elder Nelson called the next day and said that the church, through its humanitarian arm, would make a contribution of $120,000. He would come to DC the following day to sign the Book of Condolence at the Embassy to present the check. I immediately contacted the Embassy to see if the Ambassador and his wife would like to personally receive this gift.

Though it was a difficult and busy time for them, they wished to be present and after the presentation Elder Nelson and I were invited to a luncheon in the private family quarters. He spoke to them in their native tongues, shared his own experiences as a teaching heart surgeon in their hospitals in Russia. He discussed ways the church might help the people rebuild and also teach them skills, issued invitations to Utah, expressed his desire to meet with in country leaders and established a friendship that continued strong throughout the year and which has been important in many ways.

As a follow-up I issued an invitation to Mrs. Dubinina for a luncheon in my home on December 27th, which included. Mrs. Marie Houstecky, wife of Czechoslovakian Ambassador and Mrs. Judith Hazi, wife of Hungarian Ambassador. Others, numbering 12, were women who, because of their own or their husbands positions in the church or in secular life, would be of interest to Mrs. Dubinina. The luncheon went beautifully; the conversation was spirited and comfortable.

At the end of the luncheon Mrs. Dubinina said that she would like to say a few words. She stood and spoke extemporaneously, saying that the Church's presentation of our check for the Armenian Relief Fund to the Ambassador at their Residence was the most significant gesture that had been extended to them during this time.

In explaining why, she said that it was not the largest donation that had come to them, but that it was a donation from one heart to another and that it would never be forgotten by her or her people. She spoke of the great need they had for housing, particularly mobile housing, and of her own ties to Armenia as her father was of Armenian descent. Her warmth and expressions of genuine good will were apparent to all and there was a great feeling of pleasure in being together.

After the luncheon we all went into the Salon where a spectacular Russian pianist played his own compositions and other music with a Russian Slavic influence. It seemed to speak to the soul. As was usual, Mrs. Dubinina presented me with a gift, a set of hand-painted lacquer ware bowls and I, in turn, presented her with a Christus and the book *Christmas in America*, along with the new translation of the Book of Mormon in Russian. Dr. Donald Jarvis from Department of Germanic and Slavic Language at BYU had flown to Washington to attend, to develop relationships for the university, and to help should there be language problems, however there were none.

To see the opportunities in these Eastern European countries unfold in those six months made one believe even more strongly that the Lord will open the doors in his own time – and though we had no way of knowing what was in store in the next two years – He obviously did. Aware that the Lord was micromanaging us and if we were attentive, alert to the possibilities, courageous and innovative, doors would open I moved forward unabashed. Certainly Elder Nelson was setting an example for us to follow in this regard.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS' ASSOCIATION

Just days before the NRBA national broadcasters' convention, I receive a call from Richard Lindsay saying that the RBA had asked Bonneville (the Church) to withdraw their exhibit from the Conference. This group, made up essentially of evangelical groups and born-again Christians, had decided that we did not believe in Christ and therefore could not participate. This action of exclusion had been endorsed by their Board of Directors. They did not want Mormons at a Christian event. I was asked by Special Affairs to aggressively pursue this matter and make some suggestions as to how we might best deal with it.

I called Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director of this organization, and asked if we could meet. After discussion with all those involved at Bonneville, as to what had transpired, and further communication with leaders at Church

headquarters, I felt that the most important thing we could do this year was to establish a relationship in order to have opportunities to dispel many myths that these prominent preachers had about our church.

It was not at all uncommon then, nor is it now, to turn on the television and hear one of these electronic preachers talking about the evils of Mormonism. In 2012, as Mitt Romney ran for President, this vitriol escalated to a surprising crescendo. But back to Dr. Armstrong; individually, I found him to be a delightful man, and after my meeting with him sent the referenced memo to Richard Lindsay.

Agreement was reached to all points and on the morning of January 30, accompanied by Richard Marriott, Chairman of the Marriott Corporation, Bruce Christensen, President of the Public Broadcasting Service and Ralph Hardy, Senior Partner Dow Lohnes and Albertson we arrived to meet with their Board of Directors.

The initial hostility quickly dissipated as these gentlemen were introduced with their titles and a description of their responsibilities as ecclesiastical leaders in the Church. There was a very positive give and take. When we departed Dr. Cook, President of the organization and Chairman of the Board said, "You must realize, however, we still have some major differences as to Christology, however, we are grateful for your presence here." We were not, however, given permission to continue with our exhibit.

Thus began four days of very extensive activity and participation. To smooth over the issues they expressed a desire to have us participate in their many activities and that evening Pierce and I attended the banquet and roast for Dr. Cook. The next morning Marc and I attended a special breakfast they were hosting for the King of the Zulu nation.

This was an issue I was still struggling with in November and so I asked Armstrong to meet me in Newark for a longer face-to-face discussion. We wanted to put to rest their concern about us being Christians because we were running into problems caused by this position in many countries. In my letter to him following the meeting I sent additional materials re our concept of the Godhead (our Christology) which was at the root of their concerns.

The following day was the beginning of our Northeast Area Seminar. I picked up Elder Loren C. Dunn at 2:00 in the afternoon. There had been many changes of date for this Conference, and when we finally arrived at a time

agreeable to everyone I had not focused on the fact that it was Monday and we really couldn't have people together in a meeting on our Family Home Evening night. All of our Directors were scheduled to come and would be arriving throughout that afternoon. Elder Dunn expressed great concern about this, but as everyone was already in Washington, away from their families I decided to have a Family Home Evening at my home. I invited everyone for dinner and an informal gathering. A thank you letter later received from Elder Dunn expressed his appreciation for these efforts.

Elder Dunn had been sketchy about what he wished to do in the few hours before the dinner. As I took him to his hotel I asked what he would like to accomplish. He suggested it would be nice if he could see the editors of *The Washington Post* and *U.S. News and World Report.* I think he knew full well that would be an impossible task on short notice as these were very difficult men to see, but I suggested he check into his room and I would see what I could do. I called Ben Bradlees's secretary and invoking Howard Wall's name asked if she could help me out. I said we had a new 'Cardinal' and would like to pay a courtesy visit. She checked with Ben and a time of 3:15 was set.

I made a similar call to David Gurgen, editor of *U.S. News and World Report.* He said he would be happy to see us at 5:30. We made these calls and during the time between had a chance to take a long walk and talk about issues in the Washington-New York area and in the Church in general. I found Elder Dunn to be articulate and astute. Although he had a reputation for being a tough administrator, I knew I would find pleasure in working with him.

I had set the tables and arranged the flowers in my home that morning before leaving. The dinner was to be catered. When I realized I was not going to get home until the other guests arrived, I called Pierce and asked him if he would pick up the additional flowers that were needed and be prepared to greet the guests. I spoke with Christof and Cynthia, our housekeeping couple at that time, and told them how to handle the caterers.

On that cold, snowy, winter night as Elder Dunn and I walked through the door all was in perfect order. The candles were lit on the 6 round tables of eight, the flowers were in place, the fires were burning in the fireplaces and house was ready to receive our 48 guests for a seated dinner.

Our honored guest was Hays Gorey who was an important pundit and writer for *Time Magazine.* With all of our Regional Public Communications

Directors in the Northeast Region gathered, it was a most profitable evening as were the meetings the next day.

The following day, in the midst of the presentations, I left to go over to the National Religious Broadcasters Association. Richard Lindsay and Elder Dunn had been asked to sit on the podium as I had indicated to Dr. Armstrong that I thought it would be appropriate for them as leaders in the LDS fields of communication to be recognized by this Association,.

We were next to have a private meeting with Dr. Cook and Dr. Armstrong. We met in Dr. Cook's suite. Dr. Armstrong appeared very distracted and said they had been up the entire night before trying to resolve other problems. It was a pleasant meeting but Dr. Cook still had strong concerns about our Christology.

I could see that his mind was not really focusing on this meeting. I wondered what could be of such great concern. It was not too long after that when the scandal with regard to Jim and Tammy Bakker (the king and queen of ecclesiastical broadcasting whose ministries misuse of funds and Jim Bakker's sexual indiscretions were that day being disclosed to the world.) In talking with Dr. Armstrong since, he advised me that this was the point of discussion during the long night, which was understandable.

It was my personal and professional feeling that we needed to be friends with these leaders and continue to develop relationships with this organization. However, I did not feel that we needed to be involved with them to any great extent – we were on our own mission

PRESIDENT BENSON'S FAMILY FIRESIDE TELECAST

As Pierce and I returned from our long weekend to Ixtapa, Mexico I learned I had missed a major address by President Ezra Taft Benson delivered at the Family Fireside Telecast of February 22. On my desk was a file filled with notes and phone calls expressing concern over that talk which addressed women's roles and specifically their need to be in the home during their children's growing up years. I was requested by Richard Lindsay and others to integrate these on paper and pass along my assessment, as the Church Public Affairs Office had also been inundated with queries and angst as to the implications of this talk. There was real concern at the highest levels.[10]

This letter was subsequently sent to the Special Affairs Committee of the Twelve and then sent to the General Authorities and lastly taken to a full meeting to the Council of Twelve and the First Presidency in the Temple where the issues were raised and my letter read.

I was advised that there was appreciation for my sensitivity and my frankness. Rather than being excited by this turn of events, as I realized that all the Brethren now 'knew my name.' I was overcome with absolute, total abject, pit of the stomach 'Godly fear.' They knew my name in that most holy place. Suppose they relied on my input on some issue and I was wrong, or incomplete, or had not relied on the spirit as I assessed the situation. I realized this portion of my life was no longer a dress rehearsal; I had entered the real arena. It was a very, very, sobering, life and spirit altering moment!

HAPPENINGS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Midst all of this there was an active personal and family life. The ballet has always been one of my great delights and this year I became a season subscriber. Since Pierce doesn't care for the ballet that much, I decided that I would use those tickets to take my grandchildren, sons and daughters-in-law singly to the ballet and a lovely dinner. I tried to schedule those ballets which were closest to their birthdays and make it part of their birthday celebration. March 18 I returned on the five o'clock shuttle from NYC just in time for a grand dinner and evening with Marc. We loved the production. He is always such a joy to be with.

Plans to get away with our dear friends, the Walls, for our usual February moment in the sun, had us meeting in Mexico City on Saturday night, the 1st. Laughter and adventure filled the ensuing days as we explored the city, visited museums, climbed the pyramids. We were then off to Mirada and the Yucatan where we managed to climb the 190+ steps to the top of the pyramid of Chiczen Itza. Next we went to Cozumel where we visited Tulum, snorkeled and swam, listened to the mariachis at night and in general had a glorious time.

SCUBA LESSONS AND DIVING

In between all of my comings and goings we all had been taking the scuba lessons for our Caribbean sailing trip. These lessons were scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays for a six-week period. I was only in town during

that time on Tuesdays to take the water portion of the lessons which were dreadful. I have always had a fear of water over my face as well as a fear of being in confined quarters. With a tight wet suit encasing my body and the entire time spend under water I concluded each lesson feeling incredibly nauseas and sick. The Thursday sessions were the written and visual presentations, and since I wasn't able to attend those I had to take my book on the plane to study that I might pass the written tests each Saturday. Marc would go with me to the Saturday tests to keep me company and coach me along the way.

Typical of this period was my schedule in April. On the night of April 7, a night of the water class, I arrived at Dulles Airport from Salt Lake City just in time to dash to my office, clear my desk, and run to my lesson. I was then in Philadelphia for the National Religious Public Relations Conference, and returned in time to take a make-up scuba lesson which was my final private lesson on the 13th. Tammy and I had both required an extra private lesson as neither of us was doing well with clearing our masks.

We had not taken our certification dives as I had no intention of diving in a wet suit in a cold rock quarry in Virginia, rather we reserved two villas in a beautiful resort on the far side of the island in Puerto Rico. We could do our certification dive there and get a little experience before we boarded the catamaran which had been reserved for us.

When we arrived in Puerto Rico, there had been gigantic storms and the waters were incredibly choppy. As we went out on the first dive I became very seasick and although I made it successfully to the bottom I continued to throw up until finally I had to go to the top. For the next two days it was a nightmare of choppy waters, throwing up on top of the water, under the water, across the water. By the third night I had torn the cartilage away from my ribs and was in terrible pain. I looked at Pierce and said, "Tell me, are we having fun yet?" I was sure that I could never make the last dive.

Fortunately, because of the stormy weather, that dive was postponed for two days. The morning came for the final certification dive. The dive master who lived in a little town nearby asked his wife who was a nurse to find me something to curb my nausea. They brought me yet another remedy which worked and although my ribs were hurting me terribly even with the support bandage, when I got under the water the pressure eased and I passed!

We then flew to St. Thomas to board the 'My Way,' a 65 foot catamaran which came with a captain, a gourmet chef, a dive master and every amenity you could possibly want. There were five bedroom suites. Pierce and I had the master suite with its king-size bed and a port hole which opened to the sky. We immediately fell into a wonderful rhythm of days and nights on the sea. Tom and Marc began to master the art of windsurfing as the crew prepared the ship for the day, got the engines going and within a short time a wonderful warm breakfast was waiting for us. We all love chocolate and Marc had so advised the Chef, therefore, we had full breakfasts, lunches and dinners with every rich chocolate delicacy you could possibly imagine.

We would be under sail each day by 10 a.m. to go to yet another island. When we came to a dive sight we were all in the water diving. With just a little time for lunch, we were off to another dive sight, an anchorage, scuba, snorkeling, a chance to explore the island at hand, and back in time for cocktails (our gourmet chef had prepared some wonderful non-alcoholic cocktails for us).

Each day I was becoming more comfortable with the water and enjoying it more. For some unknown reason my oxygen seemed to last longer than anyone so I was the first one down and the last one up. I loved exploring and remember coming to a great drop-off to the ocean and I decided I wanted to go down. With instruments in my hands so that I could see how deep I was going and how much air I had begun the great descent down the steep canyon wall of the ocean.

Marc had been assigned to see that all was well with me, and looking up I saw him hovering in the water above me. He was delighted with my progress as he remembered the mother who couldn't possibly clear her mask. During this time he had also been learning all he could about 'captaining the My Way, wind surfing and anything else available to do with the water, as had Tom.

Tom and Shauri took to the water like fish. Shauri, who is generally cautious about things, became our 'water baby.' Our fourth evening out we anchored at Virgin Gorda and Tom and Marc arranged an elaborate dinner on shore to thank us for the trip. We dressed up, sallied forth in our little sloop, and had a truly special evening. This happened to be the night of Marc and Tammy's wedding anniversary so we had two things to celebrate. I came home enamored of the world under the water and determined that we would return there as often as possible.

On August 15, Heather's birthday, we joined together as a family and I arranged for a photographer to come and take family pictures. This is the first time I had really wanted to do this since her death. And now, hopefully, we will have a record of all of us at this particular time in our life.

President Benson had asked us to do all that we could to get the Book of Mormon with our personal testimonies affixed. That summer we purchased 200+ Books of Mormons in Heather's name, placed our testimony in them and sent them to be distributed by our own missionaries.

I had been particularly touched as I talked to Tom that month, as to the enormous and difficult decisions he has ahead of him. He is at a crossroads in his life and felt a tremendous need to make a decision as to whether to enter the political world or stay in the field of law. Marc was completing his first-phase projects with his father and planned to further enter into the world of buying and selling real estate.

Shauri was working so extraordinarily hard, bringing in money to help pay the incredible costs of home and family in this most costly of ages. Tammy was working night and day as an Account Executive and torn between the demands of career and the responsibilities of motherhood. I fully understood exactly how both of them felt as that had been my journey. As a woman, there are never any easy answers. If you are away from your family, you feel guilty; and if you are with your family, you feel the responsibility to be more of a helpmeet in providing for their very real needs. It's one of those great dilemmas that go with agency.

My sister Arlene had a form of leukemia, which though troublesome, was thought to be easily handled with blood transfusions. Just six months later she was nearing the end. Late on Friday night something prompted me to be on the next plane to Phoenix. I arriving just after she had gone into a coma. She, however, did revive again and I was able to speak with her and let her know of my love. As she seemed to be rallying I asked if I should leave and plan to come back the following weekend. She spoke up and said that I shouldn't leave, and asked if her son Tom was on his way to his home in California. When we said yes, she said again: "I certainly wouldn't have him go home." We were able to reach him, he came back and it was just an hour later when she passed away

As the year ended we hosted our Annual Birthday Party for Baby Jesus. The event had now become a tradition and this year many more Ambassadors

and Embassy officials were invited, with their families. Some 125 guests filled the house.

The event has evolved over the years to include six tradition elements, i.e. a) guest artists, b) a Christmas sing along – with many being given small childlike instruments to play, c) the presentation of the Baby Jesus cake (carrot cake with sour cream cheese frosting) which Marc has assumed full responsibility for assembling, decorating, with nativity and other symbols which have remained the same since Heather first introduced the concept.

The lights are turned out, sparkling candles are lit, it is placed on a low table by Marc in front of the children and we all join together in singing, "Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus. d) Santa descends the stairs in full regalia, with bells ringing, and a bag stuffed with toys for the children. e) Guests are invited into the dining room where a lavish buffet is laid and all can have a piece of the Baby Jesus Cake and f) As guest depart adults are also given a gift which contains something to be used over and over again to commemorate the Christmas season.

Each of those elements is a major task and required extensive planning, buying and assembling but it was always done with pleasure. The gift buying began early in the year as bargains appeared and the perfect adult gift was spotted. This year I found an exceptional hand blown glass ornament shaped like a pear, with a partridge inside and ordered 16 dozen.

Another glorious year, another family Christmas; how could we be so blessed?

1988

The city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

From atop the wall of an ancient fortress, as the setting sun turned myriad shades of red, Pierce and I watched an entire city of cream colored stone dress itself in a shimmering gold. It was one of those moments when the splendor was so great and the setting so awe inspiring that you held your breath lest you disturb the elements. Now we knew why Jerusalem was called The City of Gold. This was our first visit to Israel.

We met with industrialists, educators, social service agencies, legislators, editors of newspapers, and civic leaders representing both sides and came to see the enormity and complexity of their problems.

We visited the Golan Heights accompanied by an officer of the Israeli Defense Force, and met with recent Soviet Immigrants and learned of their challenges. We toured Caesarea, the Jordan Valley and Christian sights around Tiberius.

We visited the Mount of Olives, the Church of the Holy Seplecur and had a special lunch overlooking the West Wall. We walked the streets of the old city and visited the Wailing Wall. Our visit to Bethlehem was accompanied by sounds of gun fire and the sight of tanks rolling in. We were visiting in the midst of what was called the Intifada and these countries were in a time of real and dangerous conflict

We went to the Knesset and met with Likud and Labour members, visited settlements, overnighted in a Kibbutz, visited the Yad Vashem Memorial, attended an Orthodox service, and in a few spare hours hailed a cab and had them take us to our own Jerusalem Center which stands as a beacon on the hill. We fell in love with that city and that country and promised ourselves that we would return as often as possible. We were in Israel as guests of the National Council of Christians and Jews.

STATE OF WORLD: Perestroika, a new economic plan, is introduced in the USSR. Iran agrees to ceasefire, ending its 'holy war' with Iraq. Jordan officially gave up the West Bank to Israel. Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) votes to recognize U.N. resolution recognizing Israel's right to exist.

STATE OF CHURCH: Elder Neal A. Maxwell organizes a stake in Aba, Nigeria, the first stake in West Africa. The church legally recognized in Hungary. East

Germany announces it will allow missionaries to enter the country and church members to leave country.

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: Much of our discretionary time was spent in developing our Heather Foundation Projects in Zimbabwe. Progress was moving forward on Heather's dam in Bvute; We were using our book project to open doors for the Church in many countries; Enroute home from Israel we stopped in Sweden as guests of Ambassador Newell, in London where we saw the new musical, *Les Miserables* and spent time with Rosemary Newton at Groombridge in Royal Tumbridge Well; Took family to Cancun for Thanksgiving; Backed a Broadway bound play *Harlem Suite.* Dear friend Antonia Novella named Surgeon General of the United States

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED INITIATIVES

Our relationships with the **Chinese** Ambassador and staff were budding. We had many positive contacts; however, these contacts had not yet reached the level of open dialogue and comfortable confidence. Thus, while attending the Appeal of Conscience dinner in New York I made an extra effort to meet and spend time with their Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Li Luye. We agreed to stay in touch.

At that same time the head of that organization, Rabbi Schneier, introduced me to Professor Zhao Fu-San, Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Social Science. The Rabbi suggested that Professor Zhao might wish to be introduced to Elder Nelson. As his name was mentioned the Professor advised he knew that name because Dr. Nelson had performed the first open heart surgery in their country; he would be anxious to meet him.

Brigham Young University had been working with Ambassador Li Luye to arrange for him to visit and speak at Campus. The Ambassador said he felt more comfortable working through me. Not long after he asked me to advise them that regretfully he would be unable to keep the date as he would be on home leave. We continued working with his staff to find another date.

While in **Hungary** Elder Nelson directed the ceremonies commemorating official recognition of the church in country, which was the culmination of planning begun in our home the previous year.

Invited to lunch with the **Polish** Ambassador, we discussed the Church's presence in his country and the needs of those imprisoned by the Communist

Government. I arranged for our Humanitarian Services to provide much needed assistance and flew the next day to New York to meet with United Nations people on targeted initiatives.

The long awaited **Christus statue** was unveiled at the DV Visitors Center. Elder Nelson arrived in Washington on November 13th for a two-day visit. I had been able to arrange meetings with the Ambassadors of **USSR, Norway and Poland** for him. He sent a most generous letter thanking me not only for himself but also on behalf of the First Presidency and the Twelve.[11]

On December 14th Elder Nelson came again to DC where, at his request, I had arranged for him to meet with the **Norwegian** Ambassador. As part of our meeting Elder Nelson presented the Ambassador with his Genealogy profile which was received with gratitude.

OUR BOOK PROJECT OPENS DOORS

There was increased activity with the Ambassador of **Ghana** as we sought to keep missionaries in Ghana and see that existing branches of the church in country were sustained.

One day as I was speaking with the Ghanaian Ambassador he advised of their great need for text books in the schools. I quickly arranged for two sea cartons of elementary text books to be shipped. On June 28th I received a letter from Alexander Morrison of that Area Presidency advising they had been received and as a result he had been able to meet with the Ghanaian Secretary of Education and formerly present the books to him. This was well covered in their press and engendered much good will for the Church and for the missionaries' in-country. At that same time he asked that we continue work with the **Kenyan** ambassador to get the church registered.

Two sea cartons of books were also sent **Sierra Leone,** a country struggling to establish identity and law and order. They were to be received and distributed by a humanitarian couple, the Weights, who we had had been able to help obtain visas to get into the country. Upon arrival the Weights found the sea cartons empty and all books stolen. They reported that this appeared to be the common course of events for anything that arrived in that country either as 'gifts' or as humanitarian aid. I regretfully reported this to the Ambassador who was not surprised. Eventually they were able to track down and make use of a few hundred volumes. At least dialogue was established and there was some residue of good will.

MISSIONARIES; ZIMBABWE AND TRINIDAD

Our problem with getting the missionaries back into **Zimbabwe** continued. I was often at the embassy working with Jonathan Wutawunashe, Charge D' Affaires and Acting Ambassador, who had become such a friend as we developed our Heather Foundation in his country. At last he was able to obtain visas for a couple to work as teachers with the Ministry of Education while we continued working out their missionary outreach parameters.

We also put together a major thrust to get 180,000 text books donated, stamped, packed and shipped to Zimbabwe and other African countries. This project was spearheaded by Pierce and Marc. Some 500 members of the Church in the Potomac and Washington DC regions volunteered for long hours, over a weeks' time, to complete the task. The Church News reported on this in a most interesting story.[12]

This was still a closed and very communist country and distrust of religions was growing – not abating. After trying every other avenue Jonathan devised a plan; he would issue the new missionary couple a visa and send them to the country with a letter of recommendation from him. He advised they would need to travel on a particular flight which would arrive on a Saturday when security was less rigid, thereby allowing a friend of his, Conrade Chirapa, to meet them and escort them through emigration.

This was arranged and the Soderquists arrived as planned and were whisked through security and out to a waiting car before anyone noticed. Jonathan had risked a great deal to do this and I will be ever grateful to him for this and so many other extraordinary acts of courage as he also assisted us in other African countries. Surely he is one of those spoken of who were sent to do help – if just for a small moment

As there was a continuing expressed desire to have Mrs. Mugabe's foundation (wife of the President of Zimbabwe) supported and we had done all we could do personally I arranged to have Robert Hoover, a member of the church and big game hunter who had contacted me and asked how he could help out in that country, donate money for Mrs. Mugabe's speaking engagement in New York. I also arranged for Mr. Hoover to meet with Jonathan and Mrs. Mugabe to look for other ways he might be of further help. They decided that he could donate all meat from his safaris to her foundation to be used in a variety of ways.

I was notified that the Church was again experiencing problems with missionaries and registration in **Trinidad** and felt it important to develop an action plan. My staff arranged an appointment with Mr. Lloyd Joseph at his Embassy to try to get the roots of the real problem, as no one would provide any useful information. I found his concerns centered on the organization and control of the Church and its tithes.

He said their country leaders saw ours as a U.S. Church, a 'white' church and that its centralization represented total control of their people. He spoke of a recent media story recounting our violent history referred to in the 'Singer incident. As we needed to reach in-country leaders with correct and targeted information I arranged to have several devoted black members of the church offer their testimonies on video. This video was sent to our Church leaders in country to be distributed to the government and other officials. This seemed to open a dialogue which eased the ban for a time.

OUTREACH EVENTS

Washington life went on as usual with many activities outside the Diplomatic arena. It was a great pleasure to present as a special guest at the reception which honored our new Surgeon General, dear friend Antonia Novello. Later, at her request, I participated in the Surgeon General's panel on health needs, risks and initiatives for the coming decade. Important contacts were made as we were able to participate in those initiatives.

It is always good to see the excellent productions of the Church recognized and was honored to be asked to represent the Church and Bonneville in accepting the Golden Eagle CINE Award for *How Rare a Possession.*

Sensitive to ongoing relations in Israel and having developed warm and caring relations with many key member of the Jewish Community I hosted a dinner at our home for the **Jewish Community Council** which was beautifully attended.

My work on Boards and with outreach organizations seemed to escalate that year. However, I was finding our presence as a real contributing force on these Boards was most important. Each year there was a noticeable change in these leaders perception of us and our Church and a greater desire to include us, rather than exclude. The dialogue with most of their leadership had changed significantly as they came to know us as a church and value us as a people; an important lesson for all of us wherever we serve in our

church. This active participation led to an invitation to be their guests as they traveled to Israel as part of the National Council of Christian and Jew outreach effort.

A program had been carefully designed that would allow our group, consisting of twelve community leaders along with their spouses, to meet with and come to understand both the Palestinian and Israeli points of view and to carry their messages back to our own constituencies.

VISN CABLE GROUP, INTERFAITH CONFERENCE AND RELIGON IN AMERICAN LIFE

I continued to attend as many of the monthly meetings in New York City with the Board of the **VISN Cable Group** and National Interfaith Cable Coalition as I could, however, having had to miss a key meeting in February Bruno Caliendro, representing the Board came to DC to meet with Ralph Hardy and me. I had recruited Ralph to the Board as they needed legal advice and direction and Ralph had both legal and media ownership experience. Ralph, as always, was willing to serve although he is so busy. What a lovely, committed and brilliant holder of the Priesthood; he was a valued friend and asset during my entire tenure.

Bruno explained the financial crunch VISN was in and solicited our help in a variety of ways. We advanced this to Richard Lindsey head of Special Affair Committee in Salt Lake City. He tried to work something out but there was little that could be done at that time.

Bruno also asked if we could provide an inventory of materials the Church could contribute for airing. Programming is the most costly part of such a venture and each organization was asked to provide a certain amount. They were particularly anxious for Mormon Tabernacle Choir videos.

Monthly meeting of the **Interfaith Conference** were attended and our input requested. Capital punishment was at issue and the Interfaith Conference wanted all religious groups represented to sign their paper opposing it. After consultation with SAC in SLC re our official stand, I was asked to draft a statement saying that from our perspective capital punishment should be a 'matter of personal conscience.'

I was still representing our women's organization leaders with the **National Conference of Women** also headquartered in New York. I always tried to schedule meetings at the United Nations, New York Ambassadors, and at the

NYC Visitors Center to coincide with these and the meeting of **Religion in American Life (RIAL).** This was to be an important year of celebration for the NCW and they asked if I could help them out by arranging for Secretary of State George Schultz to participate. Senator Hatch agreed to help us out by writing a letter to the Secretary. The event was a great success.

During that time I was invited to be a key participate in the **National Drug Summit.** Knowing of the importance of this issue to our country and our people, I accepted.

As Board Member **National Commission against Drunk Driving** I was once again asked to co-chair the annual luncheon and to chair the Awards Committee. Five thousand applications were sent to participating groups. There were 100+ nominees. These awards, now in their third year, helped focus attention on this issue at the grassroots level. The luncheon was very successful with approximately 500 government, business and civic leaders in attendance from across the United States

At the meeting that same day I was nominated and elected to serve again on the five-person Executive Board as well as on the Board of Directors. It is an interesting, high powered mix of people ranging from those representing NITZE to the head of the Beverage and Brewers Association.

I also had been meeting frequently with Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director of the **National Religious Broadcasters.** There were substantive issues regarding the negative way they were addressing our church. The second week in November I was in Newark to make a speech and we met for a working lunch. The issue was still our 'Christology' but we agreed to continue the dialogue with the key members of his organization.[13]

Throughout this year I stole every free moment to work on my *Eve* segment to be included in the upcoming **Encyclopedia of Mormonism** to be published by Random House.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND MEDIA RELATIONS

Relations with the **media** continued to consume large blocks of my time. To give perspective into the people, media organizations and issues I dealt with, some simple, some complex, I have listed several meetings that took place in a matter of weeks.

*Met with John Santos, CBS, to convince him of need to do a positive follow up segment on the Church as it was so often blatantly misrepresented by their network. *Sent official letter to the Library of Congress to have their listing of the name of the Church changed from Mormon to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. *Provided comments for Church's statement on The Last Temptation of Christ, a movie I was asked to quietly screen in D.C. and report back on. I found it troubling and fanciful in very disturbing ways. It took several years for me to get those images out of my mind. *I found the same true as I addressed 'The Mormon Murders.' *Wrote and submitted press releases, on Church membership, to all major press outlets. *Wrote press releases in support of H.4441, Alcohol Health Warning Labels. *Met with Al Schneider, ABC Vice President, and Chris Hikawa, VP Broadcast Standards and Practices to be certain there was clarity as to how religions were to be presented in their reportage. *Wrote an article for their upcoming magazine series on 'Church Scandals.' *Worked with Jack Blessington of CBS extensively to ameliorate 'Marion Standoff' piece.

More and more I was being invited to join groups addressing concerns re Government issues, including those with the State Department. I attended the **State Department Briefing on Human Rights** where I, representing our religion, was given an opportunity to help identity problems within countries and to make our concerns re human rights/religious liberty issues known. Having attended the same conference the previous years it was interesting to note that there was a lessening of complaints by participant blocks and more interest in our concerns and input. There seemed to be a general feeling by most gathered that, while there was much left to be done, human rights were being better protected. I also attended the **White House** signing of the **Human Rights Bill**. President Regan was impressive and most personable. This was a most important bill for our Church's international outreach.

There were many **legislative issues of interest** to us and I was asked to prepare or provide information and talking points or testimony on numerous issues among them: *Alcohol Advertising Board re using young models, to promote drinking; *Omnibus Drug Bill; *Para-Mutual Gambling; *The burgeoning growth of Child Pornography

Our office arranged for church displays and participation on the Washington Mall for **Family Day** and the **July 4th** festivities and activities in Pershing Park. We also arranged for Jack Anderson, an important media personality, to do a special fireside at the Visitor's Center to which key media were invited.

Many attended and were impressed with the new insights they gained from his open and unapologetic defense of our religion and with his unqualified testimony of the truths of the Gospel.

Also this year I was elected to and served on the **Board of Directors of Brigham Young University Alumni Board**

TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

While in Israel we were so anxious to slip into the recently constructed Brigham Young University Jerusalem Center. As I had worked with Jewish leaders both in country and at their embassy in Washington, DC to facilitate the permissions, which would allow this Center to exist, I knew we had to abide by our agreements that we would not talk of or invite others to the Center. Many on the tour, aware of our background, were anxious to visit the Center as well. Israelis asked how they could visit or hear a choir sing or just tour. They wondered why we were so 'standoffish and exclusive.' I tried to explain in diplomatic terms our agreement with their government, but they didn't really believe the government would require such restrictions.

Late one afternoon when we had a few hours free Pierce and I quietly hailed a taxi and asked him to take us to that address. The driver was excited to have a reason to drive someone there as he'd never been to it. We were overwhelmed by its location and beauty. As we looked out over Jerusalem from a high vantage point through the Centers wide expanse of widows we were awed. It seemed very much like we were in a Temple

Our grandchildren may be interested in the two major purchases we made; the first a sterling silver sculpture by their famous artist, Yaakov Heller entitled *'Lamb Laying Down with Lion'* which I hope will be passed on in our family. It seems every escorted trip to Israel includes a trip to the diamond center, whether you want to go or not so Pierce suggested we look for a ring for our next (and future) wedding anniversaries. We saw a ring with heavy gold and lots of small diamonds in 'pave' fashion. I've worn it now some 25 years and will also pass it on to family.

Upon our return to D.C. we continued those now strong relationships with the leadership of the Jewish communities. We often hosted each other at dinners, attended both their private and public Seder dinners and shared many evenings at the Kennedy Center when artists from Israel appeared. Among others, the Hollanders, Gells, and Levys added richness to our lives.

We scheduled our return home from Israel via Sweden where we stayed with our dear friends, the Newell's, who we had come to love as our own children. Greg was serving as US Ambassador to that country. Not surprising, they had taken Sweden by storm. Candilyn was the leading fashion icon in-country. They were generous hosts, and on one of the evenings scheduled a lovely reception at which the children entertained. The guests were enchanted. This was followed by a glittering dinner. Thoughtfully, they seated me next to the Israeli Ambassador to Sweden. The conversation was stimulating. On return home I sent him Joseph Campbell's *The Power of the Myth,* which we had discussed and in which he had expressed deep interest

It was next on to London where we saw the new musical, *Les Miserables.* The message and power of that production left me stunned. As we left the Theatre there was a drizzling rain, yet I asked Pierce if we could please walk back to our hotel as I couldn't bear to have the sounds and sights of that production disturbed for the moment. He finds it difficult to walk, but agreed and some 30 minutes later, wet through and through, we entered our hotel. I was still awed with what I had seen and rushed the next day to find the CD which I play today. I have now seen this production in 6 other countries, and 4 times in the US and intend to go yet again this summer. We next went on to Royal Tumbridge Wells as Rosemary Newton had invited us to spend two nights with her.

At Thanksgiving time we booked the entire family for a Cancun vacation. A few days before we were scheduled to go there was a terrible hurricane which took out much of the islands infrastructure, but our hotel said we should come as only their front windows had been smashed and our rooms were in order and the airport was opening; they would take special care of us. We decided to brave it and on our arrival at the airport we were greeted by few walls, no glass in windows and water still standing in the runways. At the hotel there were only a few wet carpets but otherwise all went well. We had much of the island to ourselves. With car and jeep we formed a caravan and explored ruins, had grand outings, did some diving and just enjoyed.

Our search for Slagowski genealogy was ongoing. Monsignor Zdzislaw Peszkowski had become a member of our family and he stopped at our home in Virginia on his numerous trips to visit the Holy Father in Rome and as he journeyed to and from his beloved Poland. He continued to seek the information we desired, but we were not able to make much process in proving the ties from our ancestor Nicholas to his father.

September ninth found us, along with other investors in "Harlem Suite," bound for the Broadway, journeying by limo to Philadelphia for its 'out of town' opening. Joining us were the Richard Richards, Howard Walls, Merlin Richards and Marc and Ilene. This production was 'an engaging survey of song and dance styles that rose from the black America experience between 1925 and 1975.' We made this investment after much importuning by a new convert, Ron McElwain and his wife, who was the co-producer. Unfortunately, although it got good reviews in D.C., it bombed in Philadelphia. We all lost our investments; a cautionary tale.

Early in August we lunched with Jim and Fay Fletcher at the Cosmos Club as we often did, but this was different. Jim was concerned about the space shuttle launch. He was flying to Cape Canaveral on Wednesday to see if all was well and the valve properly fixed. It was a unique moment in history.

Our family barbeques and parties around the pool continued throughout the lovely summer. A favorite event was a surprise party for Marc Bradley. Following tradition it was held in our uppermost room, called the Sky Room, as it was mostly glass and overlooked Little Falls on the Potomac River. There a large Hawaiian style chair served as the throne for gift receiving by the honored recipient. Each individual presented their gift with a chant from my childhood called 'Heavy, heavy hangs over.' The gift giver then makes a special wish and gives them a little bump on the head with the gift. This night the bumps were a bit rambunctious and Marc B. decided that was not such a good tradition after all.

That fall the **Israeli** Ambassador called to let me know that there was to be a special concert to be held atop Masada with Isaac Stern conducting a full symphony orchestra and an impressive list of guest artists. There was nothing I felt would touch my soul more. Pierce said he couldn't go but wanted me go and suggested I invite a friend or two – which I did. Mary Foulger agreed, among others. Tickets were purchased and all planned, however, two days before we were to depart, I received a call from one of the Brethren telling me there was an important television show in Boston that was doing a program on the Church and wanted me to be their representative of the Church.

Understanding its importance I agreed to do so and set about telling my friends and canceling this most desirable trip. I felt badly, but as fate would have it we all were able to get their money back and my appearance on the TV show in Boston was important.

And then the Christmas Season began. That year we hosted the DC chapter of the Brigham Young University School of management party at our home with some 70 in attendance. The Campbell Family Annual Christmas party was hosted some ten days later. Kevin Kenner, who had recently won the Chopin competition in Warsaw, Poland, played magnificently. Chopin has always been one of my most favored composers.

There were more than 150 guests from diplomatic community, Congress, business, friends and neighbors, some with their families, along with ours in attendance. As noted previously, this event is always such a joy and serves so many purposes, key among them the introduction of many Ambassadors and their families to the Christian concept of Christmas. We relished this opportunity to warmly embrace them in an American home

Christmas Eve found us surrounded by family, Tom, Shauri, T.J., Robert, Matthew, Marc, Tammy and Bradley. Everyone was staying – and the marathon of putting toys together, final wrapping and preparing for Santa began. Gifts were piled high - Jessie, Pierce's sister had also joined us. What a feast of love, thanksgiving and excess.

That evening, with the lights of Christmas glowing, fires in all six of the fireplaces, Pierce and I settled back for the beautiful moment of rest, to breathe in the spirit of the season and to contemplate this very full years ending. There was a glorious feeling of well-being. It was good that we did, for that was perhaps, the last such moment as we launched a new year busier than the last.

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And again, I will visit and soften their hearts,
(kings, ruler, presidents and representative of same)
many of them for your good, that ye may find grace in their eyes,
that they may come to the light of truth...to the exaltation or lifting up of Zion
D&C 124:9

February 20th was a blustery day in Washington, DC but nothing could dampen our enthusiasm. Elder Russell M. Nelson had arrived and I had scheduled two days of exceptional 'face to face' diplomacy with Ambassadors of four countries whose doors would have been closed to us just one to two years earlier.

It was three o'clock on the afternoon of the 20th when Pierce and I, along with Elder Nelson, arrived at the embassy of the ***German Democratic Republic*** *where we were ushered into the Ambassadors private receiving room. Ambassador Gerhard Herder welcomed us warmly.*

Elder Nelson spoke of the gratitude felt by our Church leadership for the opportunities that have been afforded the Church to care for our members in East Germany and of the importance of the Temple in that country. He presented the Ambassador with the gift of the 'Family' statue, which was received with pleasure. I advised that I would be pleased to be of such help as I could to him and his wife during their stay in our Capitol.

The next morning we were at an early breakfast In Elder Nelson's honor, at the home of Ambassador Miroslav Houstecky of ***Czechoslovakia*** *and his delightful wife Marie. On the agenda were discussions as to steps necessary to gain official recognition of the Church in that country.*

I had previous advised the Ambassador that Elder Nelson planned to be in Prague on June 13th and would seek to formalize matters at that time. The morning went very well and the Ambassador said he would bend every effort to arrange meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister.

At 10 a.m. that day we met with the ***Chinese*** *Ambassador to express the Church's concern for the devastation caused by the Yunnan earthquake. Ambassador Han Xu was leaving for his country at noon to prepare to receive*

President Bush in China. The fact that he would take that time was an exception courtesy extended out of unusual respect.

Elder Nelson presented the Ambassador with a $25,000 check to be used to help ameliorate that suffering. In such an atmosphere he informed Elder Nelson that he was one of a group who made the decision for the BYU-Chinese University Exchange Program; that he had visited the campus twice and also shared an interesting and important piece of information: He was a member of his government's Supreme Communist Central Bureau and served on their powerful Central Committee.

By 11:30 we were at the ***Soviet Embassy*** *where Elder Nelson extended an official invitation to Ambassador and Mrs. Dubinin to Visit Salt Lake City as guests of the church. All were impressed that at each embassy he was able to speak to them in their language.*

A luncheon meeting of our Washington, D.C., Special Affairs Committee followed in the Celadon room of the J.W. Marriott Hotel concluded that packed 24 hour period. Such busy days were not uncommon in the breathless pace of that, or any of the ensuing years.

STATE OF THE WORLD: Mikhail Gorbachev was named President of the USSR. China's pro-democracy student protest movement began in June and was put down in Tiananmen Square Massacre; November 9th, the Berlin Wall, which divided Berlin for 28 years, begins to come down; December 17th revolution began in Romania, culminating in execution of Romanian dictator Nicolau Ceausescu; December 22 Brandenburg Gate and Berlin Wall opened.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: At the end of the year we had reached 7 million members worldwide; June 14th Missionaries were expelled from Ghana and the Church banned; President Hinckley dedicates 42nd and 43rd operating temples; Missionaries removed from Columbia because of drug violence

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: It was nearly impossible to separate personal and professional life. It came to be said that our 'Salon' was one of the 'sub-power spaces of Washington.' Pierce was amazing in his absolute support of each event though such activities were not how he would choose to spend his evenings. Our son Tom appointed to General Counsel of a major government agency, NOAA; I was appointed by President Rex Lee of Brigham Young University to sit on his President's Round Table.

INTERNATIONAL OVERVIEW

Doors were opening and trust was being developed, as we proceeded forward step by step – initiative by initiative – friendship by friendship. At the International level, our contacts with **Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Hungary, Poland, German Democratic Republic,** all countries now evolving from under Communism's thumb, were focused and intense.

How quickly the face of a continent changed. Miraculous, impossible, amazing! One could not help but see the hand of the Lord in all that transpired. One could also understand the urgency with which Elder Nelson and others of the Brethren had acted over the last years.

We were ready for the next step and would begin cultivating relationships with an entire new cast of players at the Embassies and in those countries. Doors had been opened and papers were in place in many instances for the Church to move forward during this time of turmoil and change.

There were significant initiatives and unusual upheavals in the African Countries, especially **Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, Zimbabwe,** which I was asked to address. Relationships with **China** were being actively advanced. I had formalized my efforts to develop ongoing contact at the United Nations. **Invitations to Ambassadors** to visit Salt Lake City that they might have personal contact with our Church and it leadership became more focused and purposes and procedures formalized.

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED INITIATIVES

USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY

Our late December meeting of last year with Ambassador Dubinin of **The Union Of Soviet Socialist Republics** culminated with Elder Nelson, issuing a warm invitation from Church leaders to be their guests in Salt Lake City. At that time the Dubinins advised that Salt Lake City was listed among the cities that the State Department had restricted from visits by Soviet diplomats, presumably because of military bases in Utah and similar restrictions towards our diplomats in their country. Nonetheless, when Elder Nelson and I visited the Embassy on February 21 of this year an official letter was presented to them in hopes that we could find solution.

As the challenges caused by the devastating earthquake in **Armenia** continued thousands upon thousands of children had been displaced, orphaned, or maimed. Mrs. Liana Dubinina is of Armenian descent and felt a strong desire to do something to ameliorate this situation. She asked my help in starting a foundation to this end. This was to be a significant undertaking and Mrs. Dubinina's funds were limited.

I spoke with Ralph Hardy to see if someone in his firm would be willing to act 'pro bono' and assist with the incorporation papers for this foundation. His firm generously agreed, assigned a special lawyer to work on this, and 10 years later were still providing service to this most important project.

We named it *The Children in Crisis Foundation,* established structure and bylaws and in accordance with the laws of our country all was set in motion for a fund raiser. Never one to think small Mrs. Dubinina arranged for the world famous Bolshoi Ballet to perform at the Kennedy Center. This was an enormous treat as they did not often perform outside of their country.

Mrs. Dubinina requested our office and the church's assistance in promoting the event. I was honored to serve on this Board and to invite members of the Special Affairs Committee of Washington, DC as special guests. It was a grand success and much money was raised for the work of the foundation.

Other offers of help from our side ensued. A letter from Elder Nelson of June 20th offered physicians and other experts who would be willing to offer short term technical and medical assistance in Armenia. Jon Huntsman was asked if his charity arm would be interested in participating in this undertaking and thus began the exceptional work by Jon Huntsman as he established a concrete factory, helped build a hospital and many other facilities in earthquake stricken areas of Armenia. This was a collaborative effort with our service missionary program and much of the work was overseen by missionary couples.

Early in October a luncheon proposed by Elder Nelson was arranged to introduce the Ambassador and Mrs. Dubinina to the Tabernacle Choir with an eye to the Choirs visit to the USSR. At that time in-country appointments with key leaders were sought and arranged.

When the oldest daughter Natasha visited in late summer, Mrs. Dubinina suggested that we all go to the Visitors Center, that Natasha and her granddaughter might 'experience it." I also arranged for my daughter-in-law

Shauri, and a group of young women of Natasha's age, to have her to lunch and to spend a day in an American (LDS) home. When another daughter, Irena, came during the holidays I arranged for one of our delightful young men (Robert Barker's son) to plan a special party for her with young people of her own age (23ish). To this day she calls regularly from wherever she is.

At the suggestion of Ambassador Houstecky of **Czechoslovakia,** who by now was personally committed to the recognition of the Church in his country, a dinner was planned to honor Minister Vladimir Janku, their Minister of Religion, on his visit to this country.

This dinner in our home was co-hosted by Elder and Sister Russell Nelson, and Pierce and me. After the dinner attended by both ambassador, Minister Janku and a number of key D.C. personalities, Elder Nelson, the Ambassador, and Minister Janku stepped into the library of our home, closed the double doors and quietly set in motion a course of action which, it was hoped, would move our papers through the Parliament and on to recognition. Over the next three months I spent a good deal of time with the Ambassador and his staff working on these issues.

In November, after the Houstecky returned from an extended stay in their country, I was invited by Mrs. Houstecky to a private luncheon at the Embassy. The Ambassador came to meet quietly, prior to the women's gathering, to discuss in-country progress, which he had reason to believe would make it possible for the desired recognition in due time.

Letters, notes and phone calls were exchanged in an on-going process of friendship and cooperation as we sought, as with all embassies key to the work we had been asked to do, to keep doors open and initiatives moving forward. These included, but were not restricted to personal Christmas remembrances, choir CD's and videos and other materials presented under the name of the member of the Twelve assigned at that time to the country.

Over a period of time the relationships with **Hungarian** Ambassador and Mrs. Hazi became very warm. Pierce and I were invited to almost all events at the embassy where we were treated as family. At one point during an event, the Ambassador pulled me aside and observed that the Church was not doing its part in country as Hungary transitioned from Communist rule. When asked what he sought from us, he responded business contacts. I told him this was not the work of the Church, but there were some of our members he had met who perhaps would be interested in hearing what they

might propose and if they could not help might direct them to others in the business community with whom they could find common cause. In this regard I met with Don Stahlei, CEO of Continental Grains and a most significant international player, as well as Stake President, to identify what his company was doing in the various Eastern bloc countries and provided this information to the Ambassador. I also arranged from him to meet with an international representative of the Marriott Corporation for a strictly business discussion.

I also arranged for Elder Nelson to be the host of a dinner for the Ambassador at my home to which I also invited the Ambassadors of Germany and Czechoslovakia, with their wives. It was an evening of friends and each ambassador said they now understood that the presence of a Church with our values would be important in what they saw as a new dawning in their countries. They said they would continue working with us to make this presence possible.

Not long after Ambassador Hazi, of Hungary, phoned and said they had been recalled to their country. He invited Pierce and me to their only farewell dinner as they needed to return to Budapest immediately. ZsaZsa Gabor, a native Hungarian, was the guest of honor, making for a very colorful evening.

When Elder Nelson and I met with the new **Hungarian** Ambassador, Peter Varkonyi, to extend our welcome, I asked Ralph Hardy to accompany us. Ambassador Varkonyi had been briefed by Dr. Istvan Pataki, the Deputy Ambassador and was well aware of who we were as he extended a warm hand of friendship.

Dr. Pataki had been an important contact with whom I had worked since his posting to this Embassy. With his family and others from the staff he had attended the Visitors' Center Lighting Ceremony and the Christmas Party at our home.

During the Christmas recess, Congressman Tom Lantos, his wife Annette visited Hungary, the country of their birth. By now these efforts had afforded the Church an opportunity to acquire a lovely building in Budapest to serve as our new LDS meeting house. Annette, a convert, attended Church during this visit in that 'chapel.' For her it was a dream, come true. Tom and Annette did so much in outreach in Hungary and surrounding countries during this critical time.

For a period there was no **Romanian** Ambassador in Washington, but Elder Nelson had expressed a desire that I find access to this country. On finding that they had appointed a representative I requested that we might host that representative, Ambassador Ion Stoichici, at the time of an Appeal of Conscience Foundation Luncheon in New York. Late that summer, Don Ladd and I attended that dinner and found him approachable, but a bit wary. We had a chance to talk a little about the Church, some of our beliefs, and of the Temple in Washington, DC.

During the next two months I was invited to events at the Embassies of East Germany, China and the USSR. In each case I again met Ambassador Stoichici and seeing the warm reception by others from the Eastern Bloc, he came to seek us out. Always I told him that when his schedule would permit he was to be our guest at the Temple Visitors' Center. He gradually warmed to me.

As reference earlier, it was mid-December of that year that the Communist regime was being pulled apart in Romania; the only country where there was a violent overthrow. Elder Nelson called late on the night of December 17th (I remember well as I had 150 guests in my home for our annual diplomats Christmas party) and asked if I knew that the Romanian Communist government

He articulated that the Church wished to get medical and other supplies through to the people immediately. When asked how much time I had he advised that he desired the information by "noon tomorrow" as our humanitarian aid trucks were rolling across Europe to that border. He had visited Romanian hospitals and orphanages while in that country and knew well the hopeless plight of the children.

I quickly pulled one of our guests, Ambassador Gregory Newell, into the library to help reach the Ambassador; adding his contacts to my own. Together we spent much of that night and most of the next day on the telephone contacting others who could be of assistant in this seemingly impossible undertaking.

Because the situation in country was so dangerous and because threats had been made against the Ambassador, the Romanian Embassy was surrounded by police and phone access was not possible. However, for reasons I did not understand, some weeks before I had been in the Dubinins box for a

performance at the Kennedy Center. The Romanian Ambassador had stopped in at intermission to extend his greetings to them and on departing had handed me his personal card with his private fax number hand written on the back.

We tried every diplomatic avenue possible to get past the police cordon and then I remembered I had that personal number. Taking a chance that the line had not also been cut, I sent a fax saying I needed to talk to him immediately about ways we could be of help to his people. He faxed back that if I would come within fifteen minutes he would be watching for me, would cross the police lines and escort me in.

I did and he did and when advised of the Church's interest and Elder Nelson's desire to get both goods and monies into the proper hands he gave me the name of a safe institution and a safe person where money might go to be used appropriately in-country. He also advised of ways humanitarian trucks could cross the border. This was all arranged and when there was a moment I faxed him again but received no reply. No one in Washington had any idea of what had happened to him and none of us saw or heard of him again.

He had brought Dr. Valise Leca, Charges d'Affaires, into our meeting and advised that he should be our continuing contact. For three weeks there were many contacts with Dr. Leca who did his best to arrange in-country appointments for Elder Nelson to travel and offer help to that and other countries emerging from Communisms grip.

With so many changes in his country Dr. Leca often didn't know who was in charge and we could only hope that Elder Nelson's appointments would be fruitful. However, with the help of Ambassador Newell we was able to arrange for Alan Green, Jr., our American Ambassador in-country, to facilitate appointments with the understanding that Elder Nelson would see the Minister of Religious Affairs, responsible for on-going Church-State relations; the Minister of Justice, responsible for legal recognition of churches; and the Minister of Health.

Also, the Ambassador was to receive Elder Nelson and arrange, if possible, for him to see country President Ion Iliescu. We worked with David Farnsworth to advance this trip to see that these appointments held. Elder Nelson's visit to that country took place in February. At that time he took a sizeable check, while at the same time proffered much needed medical supplies.

As we began to talk of the possibility of Elder Nelson visiting **Bulgaria** I sought assistance from Mr. Maximov, an Embassy Counselor. He had been an extraordinarily helpful and frequent telephone contact. As a result of this assistance, an appointment was set with Minister Lubomir Popov, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, with responsibility for Religious Affairs. Mr. Maximov advised that the country's President, Petar Mladanov, would see Elder Nelson if the request came from Ambassador Sol Polansky, our in-country representative. Ambassador Newell placed a personal telephone call to Mr. Polansky who agreed to help if possible. Again, David Farnsworth advanced the meeting with Ambassador Polansky's staff.

I suggested to Mr. Maximov that we should repay his efforts with a lunch, which was a great success and attended by many of our International Advisory Group. At the time of our Christmas Lighting Ceremony at the Visitors' Center, special invitations were sent to selected Ambassadors. We were pleased that Mrs. Zhulev, wife of the **Bulgarian** Ambassador, along with Embassy Counselor Ivan Maximov and his wife, accepted and attended. They were given special seating and introduced to Elder Nelson and others

In March I received a telephone call from Janusz Szkierko, Second Secretary of the Embassy of the **Polish People's Republic**, asking if he might obtain information about the Church. I invited him to come to the office where we spend an hour together. His questions were pointed about our membership in Poland, how many members, what were we trying to do, what could we contribute to the Country, etc. He indicated that with the new changes in government and the openness policy they were attempting to identify those sects who might do more in Poland.

I suggested that I would like to take the Ambassador and any others at the Embassy with an interest, to the Visitor's Center and to invite the Ambassador and his wife into our home. It was not long after that, with Elder Nelson and Ambassador Newell, we met with the new Polish Ambassador Jan Kinast and Minister-Counselor Ryszard Krystosik to bring welcome and greetings. At the time of those discussions Ambassador Newell indicated that Krystosik was the one with the long term memory, and power in-country, and so we, Greg, Candi, Pierce and I, invited he and his wife to a dinner at our home where he had an opportunity to meet other members of our LDS community. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Richards, Adm. and Mrs. Paul Yost, and

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whit. Upon leaving, the Krystosiks asked if they could be of any help to us.

The very next day David Farnsworth of the Frankfurt office called saying that we were having problems setting up the new Mission Home in Poland, buying cars and getting permits; could I be of any help in cutting through the red tape? I called Minister Krystosik who assured that he would get right on it. I put the two men in touch and the matter was successfully worked through.

On the soil of **Poland** on an overcast June day Elder Nelson broke ground for the first chapel to be built in that land. He affirmed: "This is a very significant and historical event." Within two months Poland's entire new government had been replaced, spearheaded by Lech Walesa leading the Solidarity movement, aided by the Pope, courageous clergy and citizens, the initiative of President Regan, and an Apostolic blessing pronounced on that land.

Many members of the staff from the Polish Embassy attended the Christmas Visitors Center Lighting Ceremony. Additionally, during that time I suggested to the Polish White House Correspondent, Zygmunt Broniarek, that he might want to do a follow-up on an article he had written earlier for a publication in Poland, and which mentioned the Church. As a result, he developed an article dealing with my own search for my Polish heritage.

Pierce and I were delighted to have a new relationship with Ambassador and Mrs. Gerhard Herder of the **German Democratic Republic.** As a result I took them to the Visitor's Center, attended numerous receptions at their Embassy, hosted his wife at a luncheon in my home, to name just a few .They welcomed and appreciated our outreach to them.

In August Mrs. Herder called and advised that her daughter Tanya was in Washington and would welcome a visit to the Temple Visitors' Center. I arranged a morning with them there and then invited several women from the Church to join us at a luncheon at the nearby Marriot; a positive and rewarding experience for all.

On May 22nd Elder Nelson, Pierce and I hosted a dinner party at our home for the Ambassador and his wife. Other guests were Admiral and Mrs. Paul Yost, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Studdert, Asst. to the Pres. for Special Activities and Stake President, McLean, Va.

In October Pierce and I were invited to attend a reception at the GDR Embassy to celebrate their special anniversary. At that time we were also introduced to their television crew who we invited to do a special on Christmas at the Visitors' Center. They accepted this invitation, finding it particularly interesting because of our Temple in their country.

They advised me that this special received good and positive play in-country. The Ambassador and Mrs. Herder attended the Christmas lighting Ceremony and sent Christmas remembrances to us. That same week I received a call from Mrs. Herder with a message of thanks for a special note I had sent to Tanya over the holidays. Mrs. Herder expressed a hope that she and Gerhard might accept the Church's Invitation to come to Salt Lake in the spring.

It was such a 'God-send' to have Ambassador Gregory Newell in Washington D.C. at this unique time when immediate access to our own Ambassadors and State Department personnel required someone of higher authority. It was interesting to me that I had by now developed channels for almost immediate access to most foreign Ambassador, but our US ambassadors were quite elusive.

This was not of great concern because I did not often need or use them and we had people like Greg who had such access. Additionally, I could never say enough about the hands-on help and support of Ralph Hardy in all of these countries. He went whenever and wherever asked, often at inconvenience to business or personal plans, nor about Bill and Dick Marriott, Don Stahlei, Don Ladd, and so many others. We are fortunate to have such rich resources in the Church.

GHANA, KENYA, ZIMBABWE, NIGERIA

In June of this year I was asked by Elder Neal A. Maxwell to begin developing or step up my relations with key embassy officials in the countries of **Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe.** For the first three named countries the contacts were initially illusive and required extensive and varied initiatives. Over and over again our best laid plans seemed to be frustrated. Happily, over time, positive and cordial relationships were established.

Typical of what was happening on that continent, the church is established, it grows, it then faces periods of opposition or persecution, and then through extensive in-country and diplomatic effort it is again reinstated. Such is the

story of the emergence of the Church in **Ghana**. In 1979 missionary work began. By 1989 there were 6,000 members with 50 fully functioning congregations. We owned 19 buildings dedicated to worship. There were 89 missionaries; 8 couples and 72 local missionaries. There were strong local leaders. All was well.

On the morning of June 15, 1989, as members awoke and tuned in their mornings radio broadcast, they heard an announcer reading a report. This report said that the government of Ghana had banned further activities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in that country.

The statement continued with the notification that all residency visas of missionaries had been canceled and that expatriate missionaries had been ordered to leave the country in a week. Churches were ordered closed. Congregations were to disband. Members were forbidden to meet together. This order applied to our church and to the Jehovah's Witnesses and to two other 'local sects,' such churches being charged with 'disturbing public order and threatening the sovereignty of Ghana.' Leaders were told they must not contact members. Our church buildings, over a period of time were taken over by the various local governments.

There followed an extensive period of activity at our offices in Washington, D.C., directed by Elder Neal A. Maxwell, the presiding Priesthood Authority. Many leaders of government and industry were called to be of such assistance as they could. A problem; no one could pin down the reasons for this expulsion so it could not be addressed. I spoke with Ambassadors of other African countries to see if they could identify the source of concern.

I made a particular plea for insights to my friend, Jonathan Wutawunashe, Deputy Ambassador of Zimbabwe. He made quiet inquiries among his friends in these other African Embassies and then called, requesting that we meet for lunch so that he might speak as a friend—not as "the ambassador." During lunch he advised that from what he had heard, there seemed to be a great deal of suspicion about us because we just went about our business and never seemed to let others know what we were doing.

He counseled that we needed to be more open and forthcoming. His statement; "You must realize we are only ten years out of our villages. We see a shadow behind every bush. Your people working in areas need to go to the village leaders every few weeks and tell them what you are doing. Go to the

district leaders and make them a part of your plans. Go to the government leaders and make them your friends." He talked of the importance of the village, of village leaders, of time spent together, of shared experiences. He reminded that is the African way. He, of course, was right.

Jonathan also called a few weeks later (from a safe phone) when he learned that the Ghanaian government had recognized they had made a mistake and intended to correct that mistake in their next Congress. At that time I assisted with the drafting of a letter and delivering same to Ambassador Eric Kwamina Otoo, articulating who we are as a Church and as a people and outlining and clarifying the Church's basic doctrines and activities. Delivery of this letter ended in a resounding silence.

Again, I hand delivered another letter, issuing an invitation to Ambassador Otoo and his wife to Salt Lake City as the Church's guest. Again we received no response. Elder Maxwell called and said that he was planning a trip to Ghana and wished to see the Ambassador before his departure. After many trips to the Embassy the meeting was finally scheduled and all went well, but little was able to be resolved. We were, however, able to get the Ambassador to secure visas for Elders Maxwell and Goaslind, which were being held up for unexplained reasons.

At the request of Elder Maxwell, I was asked to design and execute a plan to provide information to the Ambassador which would move our reinstatement in Ghana to a conclusion. Knowing I would need more resources I asked Senator Jake Garn if he would send a letter to the Ambassador requesting that the church be reinstated on grounds of humanitarian and religious freedom issues. Additionally it was arranged that Dan Burton, ranking Republican on the Africa Subcommittee would call the Ambassador to the Hill to ask him to explain why the government continued to harass the Church.

I then began to seek avenues which would allow Elder Maxwell to develop a more personal relationship with the Ambassador. Utilizing Congressman Wayne Owens, who had previously visited Ambassador Otoo with me on other matters, an invitation was extended to a dinner in honor of the Ambassador and Elder Maxwell. This dinner was to be hosted by Congressman and Mrs. Owens and Pierce and myself in our home in the late fall. The Ambassador responded positively, plans were made and guests were

invited, among them Roger Porter and Senator Hatch. At the last moment, owing to an eye operation, the Ambassador cancelled the dinner.

Not to be daunted, Ambassador Newell and I made a personal visit to the Embassy, extending an invitation to the Ambassador and his wife to be his guest at the Christmas Lighting Ceremony at the Visitors Center. To assure their presence Ambassador Newell picked them up in his own car, sending his wife and children on ahead in another car. The Ambassador, his wife, and the wife of the Ambassador to one of the Scandinavian countries accompanied the Newell's to the lighting ceremony where they were seated next to Elder Nelson. The Otoos responded positively to the evening.

As the news broke that a former member of the Reorganized LDS Church had allegedly killed an entire family here in the U.S. the **Ghanaian** newspapers did not distinguish between the two churches and gave it front page play. When I called to meet with the Ambassador to ask his help in correcting this in his country he agreed and the meeting was set for that same afternoon. After a very long and pleasant discussion he attempted to reach the appropriate people in-country. However, with the time difference he was unable to find anyone in. He called me the following day saying he had spoken to those responsible who had agreed to run a correction on the story.

Another letter of invitation to Salt Lake City, clarifying the position of the Church as hosts, was sent with Elder Maxwell's signature. The Embassy replied directly to Elder Maxwell advising they accepted this invitation and we began working with staff to accomplish this visit. During the ensuing year I visited the Ambassador often. He had told me that he took a break at three every day to watch a particular television program and if I could come near the end of that break and he would always see me; which he did.

As with Ghana, we were asked to provide assistance in a final draft of a letter to Ambassador Dennis Afande, the **Kenyan** Ambassador, outlining the Church's doctrines and activities in that country and to personally deliver same. This letter was precipitated by the matters in Ghana and was an attempt to inoculate against backlash and to push for official recognition.

I arranged a meeting in June to visit this Ambassador. He brought into the meeting his First Secretary for Political Affairs, Shukri Baramadi, and for Information William Meda, along with the Deputy Head of Mission, Richard Okwaro. They seemed genuinely interested and concerned for our activities. Elder Maxwell advanced the issue of recognition and Ambassador Afande

agreed to look into it.

None of these men had a sense of what the Church stood for or what had been done in the way of humanitarian aid in their country and wished to know more. I requested that Salt Lake send us background, pictures and other materials regarding our work in-country, membership and other related issues and with my excellent office staff we prepared an excellent two notebook presentation on the above.

I met with Mr. Meda, reviewed these initiatives as outlined while at the same time presenting him with a Church Almanac with information pertaining to Africa marked, a Book of Mormon, a copy of Truth Restored, a Family Home Evening Manual, and the book, The Mormons, and advised that he should keep such materials as he would like but that we didn't want to burden him. He asked to keep all of the materials and said he would read them and we would later have a discussion.

We decided at that time to extend an invitation to the Ambassador and his wife to dinner in my home in the spring and follow-up on the invitation to visit Salt Lake, taking our direction from Elder Maxwell.

In November I arranged another meeting with the **Kenyan** Ambassador for Elder Maxwell, accompanied by myself and Ralph Hardy. The Ambassador was open and thoughtful with Elder Maxwell, however at the conclusion of the meeting he turned to me and asked if those things outlined were what I wanted done. Elder Maxwell called me after his report meeting to the Twelve and said he had announced to the Brethren that none of them needed to be at the meetings with the Kenyan people because I was the only one the Ambassador desired to please.

As with Kenya, letters were drafted and delivered to the **Nigerian** Ambassador at the time of the Ghanaian trouble, and subsequently a follow-up invitation to be a guest of the Church in Salt Lake City from Elder Maxwell was reissued. Arrangements were made for the wife of the Ambassador, Mrs. Hamzat Ahmadu, to be our guest at the Visitors' Center during the Christmas season. I met them there, spent the evening and took her home. She was lovely, regal and extraordinarily astute. We agreed to meet again soon and to share thoughts and ideas. She asked for more materials regarding the Church, which I sent to her. We discussed them through personal phone calls.

At the time the **President and First Lady of Nigeria** were to be in Washington she called to be sure I could attend a luncheon for a few friends at her home to meet their First Lady, which I did. Ambassador Ahmadu accepted the invitation to visit Salt Lake City and I worked with his staff to establish details. It was to be in 1990 after Ramadan, as he is a Muslim and begins a 30 day fast on March 26th.

The experience with these three countries has been an excellent lesson to me. Personal diplomacy does work. With diligence, effort and the help of the Lord we can reach those we need to. We can pique their interest, extend the hand of friendship and find persuasive ways to provide them with important and accurate information.

During the time of the unfortunate events in Ghana there was a desire to inoculate **Zimbabwe** as well. As mentioned earlier, because of my longstanding friendship with Jonathan Wutawunashe who was now Acting Ambassador I was able to meet and talk these matters through and also of our efforts in their country.

The Wutawunashe's were pleased with the books which were going to their country through the efforts of our family, and the church. They spoke of a positive article which had appeared in their newspapers. As part of an ongoing friendship I arranged a dinner in my home, to which their children were invited, and with which they were delighted. Jonathan pulled me aside to inform me of the hungry and orphaned children in his country because of the civil wars and asked if there was any way we could help? I said we would try – and we did.

CHINA, THAILAND, SURINAM

Things had moved to such a state that I was impressed I should inquire as to our developing further acquaintances with members of the **Chinese** Embassy. I discussed this with Elder Oaks who thought it might be wise. The Dale Ensigns had introduced me to Mrs. Wang Hongbao, First Secretary of the Chinese Embassy and others at a party at their country home to which they had been invited and suggested I follow up.

I called Mrs. Wang and invited her and several of her colleagues to my home for dinner to be followed by a visit to our Stake Center for a special demonstration of Christmas handiwork and Nativity scenes as part of our Stake Relief Society Christmas Festival. Eight women with significant

Embassy positions attended. Including First Secretaries: Madam Wang Hongbao (Responsible for Congressional Relations) Madam Hunang Rulan, Madam Xhong, Madam Huang, Second Secretaries: Madam Wang Minfang, Madam Luo Manhui, Madam Tu (the visa specialist) and Madam Ye

Lynn Johnston, the Ensign's daughter, and Shauri Campbell, my daughter-in-law, with the help of Mrs. Gerritt Gong (Susan) and others, planned and executed a wonderful dinner at my home. There was laughter and joy in being together. There was also a meaningful exchange of ideas and thoughts. The Chinese women loved Christmas and asked if they could come to my home to see it decorated at Christmas.

They said it was their tradition at the Chinese Embassy to spend Christmas Eve at the Washington, D.C. Visitors' Center but they had always hoped to see a Mormon home at Christmas. Pierce and I received a very personal invitation from these women to be at the reception welcoming the newly appointed Chinese Ambassador to Washington.

We were warmly received by the Ambassador and of course by all our new friends from the Embassy staff. Additionally, it proved to be an excellent opportunity to meet and renew acquaintances with the Ambassadors of Eastern Bloc and Third World countries. Many other nations and dignitaries boycotted this reception so our attendance was particularly appreciated.

As a result of these positive relations, which were nurtured and cared for by myself and my exceptional IAO staff, and expedited by the exceptional assistance of Wong Hongbao, First Secretary of the Embassy, who was by now a valued friend, I was invited to have a personal meeting with the incoming Ambassador Zhu Qizhen, at the first opportunity.

Responding to their desire to see our home at Christmas, these women, their husbands (who also hold significant Embassy positions) and one other Embassy couple were invited to our annual Christmas Celebration. They all came (eighteen total), two couples putting off vacation plans to attend. They actively sang carols, participated in our traditional ceremony relating to a children's birthday cake for Baby Jesus and were the last to leave.

On his own, the Ambassador and several from the Embassy went to the Visitors' Center. We felt enriched by these associations. These were bright, caring people whatever their ideology.

To further celebrate the season and to extend our hand of friendship I had a poinsettia, video cassette entitled *The Songs of Christmas* featuring the Tabernacle Choir and a personal note delivered to all key Ambassadors. Of course this package was delivered to Ambassador Zhu who warmly acknowledged this, in a letter, telling how he had played the choir video tape in his family quarters all during the holidays.

Thailand was another of those seemingly endless challenges. Several attempts were made through the years to obtain recognition of the church and each time such recognition was blocked. I sought inside information as to the reasons through my confidential sources at the State Department. I was told that the institutional government still remembered the acts of two of our young missionaries as they climbed and sat astride a sacred Buddha statue.

All Buddha statues are sacred to them and this had become a national scandal in their country, the missionaries were held in jail and the incident was re-reported each time our Church name came up. I think we now do a better job of instilling in our missionaries a need to honor and respect the heritage and religious symbols of the country in which they are guests. The government of Thailand also remembered a man who they thought was affiliated with us who had an orphanage there and was accused of child molestation. They felt these acts could never be lived down or forgotten.

Searching for access I learned that Dick Richards, former head of the Republican National Committee and now an important consultant, did significant business with the Thai Government and so asked him to use his best offices in ameliorating this problem. He agreed to do so and we met often to discuss progress. Change was often promised but did not materialize during that period.

In December, Marcus Faust, a member of our Special Affairs Committee, alerted us to the fact that Congressman Eni Faleomavaega from **American Samoa** was a member of the Church and was not happy that he wasn't included in invitations for General Conference and to our other events.

Grateful to have this information, I Immediately sent him an invitation to the VIP Lighting Ceremony. He was out of the country but asked if he could meet with me upon his return. He then sent an invitation to attend a reception in the Rayburn Building to meet the new Ambassador from **Western Samoa**. Upon arrival Pierce and I thought we had been transported to Pago Pago. It

was an event, filled with food, music, camaraderie and great entertainment. I learned that the Ambassador of Western Samoa was also a member of the Church.

Congressman Faleomavaega and Wendt asked that I come to the Hill to give them a briefing, which I did the following week. The ensuing morning I received a call from Keith McMullin asking if I could find a way to reach someone from Samoa to get the Church Hurricane Relief through to these two countries. There had been a terrible storm which had devastated areas of this island nation. Because of this series of events such access was just a telephone call away.

Just minutes after this call I received a call from Ambassador Wendt asked if I could provide him with contacts for purchase of flour from Deseret Mills and rice from Continental Grain Company. He advised that their government was prepared to pay and the military was providing the transportation he just needed to cut through the red tape and get things moving immediately.

I put the two people together and the Ambassador was able to obtain the quantity of flour that the Ambassador wanted. They said they would make it available to him at or below cost. It was ready for shipment in a matter of hours. The Ambassador called later and said he could not believe that when it arrived it was actually a donation from the Church; these two good brethren were very pleased to see the Church move so quickly at this time of crisis in their lands, and to be included in the process of distribution.

As a result of delays relating to passports into **Suriname** for Elders M. Russell Ballard and Charles Didier I was asked if we could provide some assistance. Working through their Embassy those passports were received timely.

Ever seeking an opportunity to open relations with the **Mexican** Embassy, as had been requested; I received tickets to a performance of the Niños Cantores de la Escuela Nacional de Musica and invited their Cultural Attaché, Paulo Marentes, to be my guest. He responded positively and we were pleased to now have a contact in place at that embassy for such time as we might receive the call saying, "Do you know anyone at the Mexican Embassy."

In September I was contacted by Selma Schiffer, a friend and newly appointed director for the International Society of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial in **Israel**. She advised that in mid-October special ceremonies were being held at this memorial, one of which would be the

inauguration of a section in their garden to be called 'The Avenue of the Righteous Unknown Gentiles." She noted that many key religions would be represented, but that we were not among them. She wondered if we would desire to be included. Elder James E. Faust affirmed that we would. We worked through Dr. George Horton, Director of the Center for Near East Studies who represented the Church at this ceremony.

BOARDS, EVENTS, SPEECHES

Membership in and active participation in the not for profit organizations which had such important objectives and provided meaningful contacts continued. To this end I served on the **Appeal of Conscious** Annual Award Dinner Committee to honor Barbara Bush, wife of President George H.W Bush, and Roger Smith, Chairman of General Motors Corporation. The objectives of our committee were well met with this glorious evening.

On February 9th I traveled to New York City at the Invitation of Rabbi Arthur Schneier, President of Appeal of Conscience Foundation to attend a private ecumenical reception in honor of His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians. I had an opportunity to tell him of the work that the Church was doing in Armenia, and to extend greeting from our leadership. He was both interested and gracious.

With the help of others I prepared testimony and encouraged Elder John Carmack to deliver same at the **Surgeon General's Conference on Drunk Driving.** Prior to the conference, several groups (National Association of Broadcasters, Alcohol and Advertising industries) who were not in favor of this testimony, but who served under the large umbrella of this Board, tried to intimidate and put pressure on me and other participants so that they would not support the Conference. When this didn't work they arranged to have their supporters pack the audience, however the event went without serious incident.

Continuing my work with the **National Commission Against Drunk Driving** I served as co-chair on this organization's Annual Awards Luncheon. During their meetings I was again elected to the Board of Directors and was invited to be on the Board of the **National Coalition to Prevent Impaired Driving**. Both groups had been quite effective in serving the national community, and were movers and shakers in that national community. I had learned that

every contact of this kind served me well in my International Affairs work, so I accepted positions on both boards.

Religion In American Life (RIAL) was starting a campaign to invite the public to learn more about other religions called 'Share Your Faith - Invite a Friend.' I was asked to work with our Special Affairs Committee and used the network of Public Communications Directors to promote the campaign. This was a program I believed in, but it did not fit in well with our church's programs so I gave them all the support I could as a Board member, but as a Church we did not actively participate in this campaign.

Now a member and sitting on the Board of the **Interfaith Assembly of the Nation's Capital** I thought it important that they rid themselves of their fear of us and our 'Christology.' Therefore when the opportunity arose I agreed to host a luncheon for its membership, which consisted of the heads of many of the major denominations in the Nation's Capital. This was held at our Temple Visitors Center on May 22.

This was the first time most of these Denominational leaders had been inside any LDS facility and many were wary. The Baptist contingent stood outside the Visitors Center for some time before venturing inside. They soon felt at ease; a comfort level was reached and the meeting following the luncheon was filled with new ideas for outreach.

Serving on their National Capitol Board **Boy Scouts of America** as well as on their fund raising committees I arranged for the Richard Marriott's to be the hosts at the gala fund raiser at the Organization of American States. He and Nancy are amazing, willing to do anything asked to support the outreach efforts of the Church. Don Ladd served on that committee as well and of course that helped.

VISN was doing an outstanding job in bringing a multi-faith message to the airways. It had reached a point where more permanent long term goals were set and realized. Although, at first they had been resistant to our participation, they now relied on us for a lot of "heavy lifting." I continued to schedule my visits to New York City wherever possible to coincide with the VISN and RIAL meetings.

President Rex E. Lee invited me to participate as one of eight members on his **BYU President's Roundtable.** This group looked quietly at the university as a whole and made recommendations to President Lee. I was honored to be

so included and because of my great love of BYU bent every effort to be an effective contributor.

After months of planning, organizing and creating new materials for the **Public Communication Directors of the Northeast Area,** all was set in motion for a fast paced two day training seminar.

The Thursday evening session began with a dinner meeting in our home with an excellent keynote address by Elder John K. Carmack. Those attending ranged from Canada to Ohio. The next morning we had breakfast with executives of the ***Washington Post,*** followed by an extensive tour of same, arranged by our friend and Vice President of the Post-Newsweek Companies, Howard Wall.

As there was so much media activity throughout the Northeast area and so many issues to be addressed we conducted a Spokesperson Training. Our special guest speaker was Senator Harry Reid, as he told attendees how best to 'Get Your Message to the Decision Makers.'

We then moved into an in-depth look at issues and how to mount a campaign regarding these issues. We identified outreach programs they might institute to help support the Mission of the Church; ways of establishing professional relationships with Media. They were presented with a specially designed kit entitled, 'You as a Trainer.'

One of those issues which emerge over and over had to do with the practice of polygamy and a family headed by Mr. Tom Greene and his three wives who were doing the rounds of television programs. I was asked to monitor, review and get correct information to that television producer and on air personality. In this case it was Sally Jesse Raphael, who had a very popular national talk show. I knew her and her producer and spoke with them both but to little avail.

We were, however, in this process, able to open doors to many other producers and develop ongoing relationships that they might come to us as a resource when other issues arose. To no one's surprise they really weren't interested in accurate information, only that which would help support the story they wished to present. Since their end game was ratings, they generally were looking for the sensational.

Efforts to communicate our message to the national and international media continued throughout the year. Ken Woodward, the major writer/reporter

on religious issues at ***Newsweek*** magazine was doing extensive reporting on concepts of heaven and hell. My staff arranged for me to meet with him in May to explore the LDS point of view on these and other issues of mutual interest. After extensive contacts and visits with **CBS** '60 Minutes,' Don Hewitt, the producer wa

That particular issue showcased John Singer and his multiple wives. While it was never said that Singer was a Mormon, the show talked about Mormon families and religious fanaticism which led to violence and murder. The disclaimer expressed concern that the participants were mislabeled.

I served as Vice Chair, with Bruce Christensen, President of Public Broadcasting System, for the Fifth Annual Dinner of the **DC/ BYU Management Society**. This had become an important event, attended by about 800 LDS with excellent award recipients and speakers. This year Elder Thomas S. Monson spoke.

At my request we had begun tailoring this event to showcase us as a people that I might invite selected Ambassadors and their wives to come to see us as a group and to hear our broader message. Many attended. Elder Monson was so warm and open that many were surprised. There was excellent feed-back and an expressed desire to have copies of his address.

During these intense years, as we sought solutions in so many countries, members of **Congress** were of invaluable assistance. Our LDS members of these two astute governing bodies spoke to me periodically, as I made requests for their help or use of influence on certain matters, of their desire to feel more informed on Church matters and expressed a desire for more interaction from visiting Brethren.

We talked frequently of both their desire and that of the Brethren to not cross the line between information and influence. They said this was primary, but in order to serve their constituents well they need to have full information and hoped we would be more helpful in this regard.

After explaining this to Elder Maxwell we arranged at times when he was in Washington to have a breakfast or luncheon with them as a group. He brought them not only insights they valued but left them with an Apostolic Blessing. Although he would discuss issues with them he would never tell them how to vote.

Aware that the LDS men and women who worked on Capitol Hill (not just Senators and Congressmen) were desirous of some similar contact, he also held such a meeting with them once or twice a year.

Each year we worked to enlarge and refine the **Washington, DC, Temple Festival of Lights.** Working with the ever supportive Visitor's Center Directors we asked if we might add more events to help it become 'a must see and be at' place for the international diplomatic community and their families, during this holy season and thus began our 'First Night Lighting Ceremony.' I designed this to be a major 'ambassadorial' event and added a Second Night Lighting Ceremony for other embassy diplomats and their families who had also expressed a desire to attend.

To this end we sought an apostolic presence and this year Elder Russell M. Nelson inaugurated that tradition. Joined by Richard Marriott they turned the key illuminating the 190,000 lights. Attending those two nights were approximately 600 foreign dignitaries, key community and religious leaders and members of the press among them.

Ambassadors and Embassy staff from fourteen countries, including Bulgaria, East Germany, Ghana, Chile, Colombia, Bahamas, Argentina, Zimbabwe, and Nicaragua, came with their families. Invitations are issued to only those countries with which we were currently dealing or where it is anticipated we will need to direct our attention in the near future.

Also attending this year were several Congressmen and representatives from foreign news agencies; among them the Chief of Soviet Radio and TV, GDR Television and Voice of America. ABC and CBS also filmed.

In addition to the opening night, selected Ambassadors and their families were invited for private visits as recounted previously and open invitations were issued to their staffs to come whenever they desired. We were surprised when we found whole staffs asking to come during the holidays. With this growth we asked our International Hosting Committee to attend and participate and to arrange to host their assigned countries delegations.

When asked by **The National Council of Women** to help identify an event to which they could invite **Ambassador's wives from the United Nation**, I offered the New York City Visitors Center as a venue. I suggested we plan a series of presentations allowing these guests to explore our culture, our religion and learn more of American family values. With the help of Elder

and Sister Leon Davies and other couples from the NYC Visitors' Center, and some of the local ward's outstanding members, a series of presentations were planned along with a delicious luncheon. This event *brought* 74 women from 34 countries. Needed bridges of access to Ambassadors at the United Nations were built.

It was an honor to be asked to write the entry on Eve for **The Encyclopedia of Mormonism**. As mentioned, I had been researching this issue for some time that we might correct the many misperceptions and misunderstanding regarding Eve's role, her righteousness and her mission.

Drafts were submitted and were returned to me with many suggested changes, which were not supported by my research and which I felt took us off point and perpetuated the 'myths' so harmful to both men and women. I fought hard to keep the major points in my entry as explained in my letter to John W. Welch of October 25.[14]

HAPPENINGS WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS

This was an amazing and breathless year but it was not all work. Summer saw us on a trip down the Danube River with dear friends Mary and Sid Foulger and Amy Barker, whose beloved Bob had died last year. This particular journey was chosen as Pierce and I wanted to acquaint ourselves with countries with which I was actively dealing. The agenda was quite exotic for that time in history as there was still a very real 'Iron Curtain' and it was difficult to penetrate.

Our voyage down the Danube allowed us to spend time in the cities of Warsaw, Poland, Prague, Czechoslovakia, Vienna, Austria, Budapest, Hungary, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Nikopol, Bulgaria, Giurgiu, Romania and Istanbul, Turkey.

For me each day was an incredible adventure. Seeing the people and walking the streets of these countries gave me a far greater sense of what was happening and how to relate to my dear embassy friends. Each nation had its own charm and challenges; the enchantment of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, the glorious architecture of Prague, the poverty of Romania, and the hopelessness of Bulgaria all left an indelible impression.

Upon disembarking from our cruise in Istanbul we were joined by our friends Howard and Delores Wall and Jim and Fay Fletcher for time in Turkey

and a cruise of the Greek isles. To tour any historical or archeological spot with Jim was a treat beyond imaging and time with the Walls was always filled with laughter and joy.

I had been working with Lori Jeunet, a delightful soprano and a member of the Church, to help her arrange special operatic performances at the Kennedy Center. On May 7th she presented the music of Charles Kalman and asked me to serve as narrator for major portions of it. It was beautifully done and a pleasure to participate.

Pierce was very busy with his acquisition and contracting efforts and Tom, after his work with the Bush Campaign had been named as General Counsel for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA). He traveled to Alaska to seek resolution to the Valdez Oil spill, to the Caribbean to deal with problems relating to ocean rights, to Texas to negotiate with fisherman re endangered turtles and to Brazil to discuss atmospheric matters.

Shauri, in addition to a full schedule with the three boys served as a counselor in the Relief Society. Marc was now a partner with his father in business and they had some very significant projects underway, including a multi-million dollar home, plus he had plans to marry Ilene Baxt who had just completed law school at Georgetown University and was working for a law firm in Virginia. Our precious Heather was never far from our thoughts and we had confidence in the knowledge that she is 'about her Father's business.'

That fall we took a trip to New York with Howard and Delores, stayed at the Washington Post apartment and filled the days with the things the four of us enjoyed doing together. In a short four days we saw three Broadway productions, The Pajama Game, Rumors, and Jerome Robbins Broadway, plus two movies and lots of dinners out.

Because our home on Crest Lane is such a major player in this portion of my history I thought some might enjoy seeing the floor plan.[15]

The year ended with the family all together, but also with the amazing amount of work to do be done as Communism began to disintegrate in those countries of the Eastern Block. The world and the work were moving very fast.

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For it shall be given you by the Holy Ghost to know my will concerning those kings and authorities even what shall befall them in a time to come, For behold, I am about to call upon them to give heed to the light and glory of Zion, for the set time has come to favor her.
D&C 124:5-6

At the appointed time the Marriott plane was on the runway at DC National Airport awaiting our party. I dashed home from a day of intense activity to place the last things in my bag. As I was stepping out the front door, the telephone rang. I thought seriously of not answering however it had such an insistent tone that I hurried back into the Library and picked it up.

At the other end was Ambassador Yuri Dubinin of the USSR who after more than a year and a half of discussions and negotiations had accepted the invitation from key leaders of the Church to be their guests in Salt Lake City.

Our State Department had placed Utah 'off limits' to diplomats from the USSR, but we had been told that the issue had been worked through. He told me he had just learned that necessary travel papers had been denied. I asked him to please stand by while I checked to see if there was anything we could do and then fell to my knees and asked the Lord to please intervene.

This 'pull back' appeared to be in retaliation for a recent refusal to allow a key US delegation to visit an off limits city in Russia. Knowing what was at stake and that there were several Apostles and their wives, along with the Governor planning to attend a dinner at Jon Huntsman's home on our arrival I dialed Senator Hatch's office for advice, only to learn he was gone for the day. On hearing the situation his staff person gave me the direct line to the issuing desk at the State Department.

After many rings someone picked up at State. I explained the situation and noted that the plane was on the tarmac and the Ambassador's car in the drive. The man on the other end said he was just coming in for the night duty so wasn't familiar with the problem. He looked about, found the file on another desk and said he had the unstamped application in front of him, that he would stamp it immediately and have it couriered to the embassy.

I called the Ambassador and advised they should be at the ready. We were in the air just an hour later than our scheduled time, drove directly to the dinner

and were only minutes late. On my return I learned that had I made the call a half hour earlier this trip could never have been sanctioned as those on day duty knew there was a hold on those papers.

God does move things about according to His plan doesn't He?

STATE OF THE WORLD: Following a year of spontaneous rebellion several nations emerged from the shadow of Communism to take control of their own affairs while others were still fighting. Boris Yeltson became President of the Russian Supreme Soviet. Lithuania, formerly part of the USSR, declared its independence. The Soviet parliament voted to suspend religious suppression and allow freedom of religious belief. East and West Berlin reunite on October 3rd after forty three years. Checkpoint Charlie, famous crossing points on the Berlin Wall, is officially dismantled. Nelson Mandela, legendary South African activist, freed after twenty seven years in prison.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: Membership reaches 7,300,000. On Sept 13 the Soviet government approves registration of Church's Leningrad branch and on November 30th the Church with all its organizations is allowed back into the African nation of Ghana

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: Michael Alexander, Tom and Shauri's fourth son, was born on April 30th. Marc was launching his construction business. He, Ilene and Bradley had formed a family unit. I was appointed to the Board of Directors of Franklin Quest. Pierce was working very hard and with success at putting together larger parcels of land along the Potomac corridor. Pierce and I travelled to be with friends in England, France and Czechoslovakia and then on to Athens for an unforgettable cruise of Mediterranean including Egypt and Israel. Wrote chapter for Elaine Cannon book, *As A Woman Thinketh.* Continued work on the Heather/Kimball Dam Project

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The focus of our International Affairs outreach was to develop and cement relationships with countries behind the Iron Curtain and to forge lasting relationships on the African continent. Who would have believed when we began our work with the Eastern Bloc Embassies in 1987 that January 1990 would see their countries emerging from the shadows of Communism with an honest hope of seizing control of their own futures?

During this time the long sought tour by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to these countries was formalized. At a summer meeting with Elder Nelson I suggested that this tour would provide an excellent opportunity for us to

acquaint the emerging leadership of these countries with the Church. This plan was approved by the Brethren and by the end of the year plans for these State Dinners were well underway. Most of these nations had or were appointing new ambassadors and my outreach to them had begun. An uninterrupted transference to their key staff was essential for the initiatives of the Church to continue apace.

Just to name a few other initiatives, during this year I escorted the Deputy Ambassador of Gabon to meet leaders in Salt Lake City; opened meetings with the Albanian and Namibian Ambassadors to the UN, continued work with Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia, opened relations with the Ambassadors of Bulgaria and Romania, dealt with significant visa challenges to Spain and Belgium, and the year ended with a dinner in our home for the Chinese Ambassador, apostles and senators.

BEHIND SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED INITATIVES:

AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DUBININ TO SALT LAKE CITY

The flight with Ambassador and Mrs. Dubinin and staff to Salt Lake City was made in record time. Cars were waiting on the landing strip in Salt Lake City and we were driven directly to the Huntsman home, arriving just a bit late for the dinner. In attendance were Pres. Hinckley, Elder Packer, the governor, mayor and other key church leaders, businessmen and dignitaries too numerous to mention.

Not long after dinner I noticed that Elder Packer had taken the Ambassador into a quiet corner. Coming right to the point he issued a startling invitation, in essence saying: "I'm conducting a Stake Conference on Sunday and I would like to ask you to speak with me at that Conference." Ambassador Dubinins eyes met mine, with concern and a bit of confusion. I had assured him he would not need to make any religious expressions or endorsements.

The Ambassador later asked, "What have you done?" I replied that I wasn't aware that such an invitation would be extended, but that this was an exceptional turn of events. I explained that in our culture to be asked by President. Packer to sit on the stand with him and to share his time as speaker was a huge honor.

I told him that the audience would be large, about 2500, and they were people who wanted only one thing, the best possible relations with his country; suggesting that if I were an ambassador I would want to convey my

most positive messages about my country to such an audience. The Ambassador, with great trepidation, did agree to speak. He and his assistant called my room a few time late Saturday evening to ask my opinion on a point or a subject as he prepared his remarks.

Sunday morning we met for breakfast. After we departed the dining room the Ambassador vanished from sight. Both his staff and our security team were concerned and began scouring the hotel. I went on my own scouting trip and found him in an empty room I had seen him eyeing as we went into breakfast. He explained he just needed a quiet place to collect his thoughts

He showed great courage as he ended his speech with words similar to these: "I predict there will come, within a year, the day when Mormon missionaries will walk the streets of Moscow." Later he told me he didn't know he would say that. I replied that I suspected it was inspiration. Needless to say the buzz was great and the news media heralded this amazing statement.

Other miraculous things happened during that visit as the Ambassador spoke at BYU, met with business leaders and had a private time with members of the First Presidency. We had left for Salt Lake as good acquaintances but on our flight back identified ourselves as friends.

I was particularly touched by a line from a letter received from Ralph Hardy after this event; "The visit of the Dubinins to Utah was truly an historic event and is nothing less than a personal triumph for you and evidence of your considerable skills as a diplomat, confidant and advisor to these distinguished guests from the Soviet Union." It is always nice, after such extended endeavors, to know that the work involved was recognized. Of course, the Brethren were always extraordinarily generous in their appreciation for my work and that of the staff.

During this period there was seldom an event hosted by the USSR Embassy or a group of Soviet performers in D.C. to which I did not receive an invitation. Always I was included 'front and center' and introduced to all visiting dignitaries. Always I sought ways of advancing the cause of official recognition for the Church and missionaries in country. These events also allowed me to pursue requests by our leaders to meet with essential in-country leadership. This, of course, was my agenda with all countries with which I dealt.

After our return from Utah, Liana Dubinina expressed a desire to go to Amish country in Pennsylvania, as this was considered a uniquely 'American' experience. My dear Fay Fletcher was a leading expert on that country and

was invited into some of the homes, as she and Jim had spent much time there. Fay enjoyed being official driver and guide so I asked her to arrange our accommodations and visits. We left late in the day and stopped to shop in a couple of Amish markets, which delayed our arrival at the Amish home where she had made reservations. We arrived around ten in the evening.

We were scheduled to have three rooms, but because of the lateness of the hour we had only one. There was a little alcove with a couch and a king sized water bed. Thinking that I had probably undone all the good-will that had been accrued and wondering how to salvage the trip I sat down on the bed, patted it so that it rolled back and forth, and asked Liana if she had ever slept on a water bed. She said no – so I proposed that we would have a unique experience.

We gingerly crawled under the covers on our appointed sides and I began asking her questions to make it seem a little less strange. As the sun came up we were still talking. We had discussed our respective political systems and why we each thought they worked for us, our philosophies of life, the state of our families, what we would like to do with our remaining time on earth and, of course, the progress of the Tabernacle Choir visit to the USSR and the status of the Children of Crisis Foundation, which I was helping her with. I wouldn't recommend this as a way of establishing new levels of diplomatic relationships, however, we still laugh together about that night.

Liana asked if I could stop by the embassy on May 15th around 11 a.m. That was my birthday, but I said nothing and replied that of course I would do so. I arrived to a surprise birthday party for me in the private residence at the Embassy. Everything was caviar; from appetizer to desert. I didn't tell her that though I know it is a treasured delicacy, particularly Russian Black, I didn't care for it. As the afternoon ended she presented me with a porcelain samovar, which I treasure. Along with other guests our dear friend, fashion designer, Cleopatra Bromand, came from New York.

It was at that party that Liana said, "I have another gift for you. The official invitation for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's visit to Moscow and Leningrad has been approved." Needless to say we all, including Elder Nelson who had key responsibility for that part of the world at that time, were delighted.

Not long after the Ambassador was reassigned to France, a country they loved and a language they spoke fluently. Their farewell party on May 10th was packed with the power people of Washington and was indeed a gala event. We were sad to see them leave, but they invited Pierce and me to be their guests when we visited Paris in the fall.

The Ambassador asked me personally if I would continue to help Liana with her Children of Crisis Foundation. I agreed and when I inquired of her as to what she would like most to take with her to France to help with this work she replied: "A computer with a program I can work." Computers were still quite primitive and required training to work anything, but the simplest functions. The Church authorized purchase of a new computer which included all the programs and instructions she needed and for which she expressed gratitude.

For some months a fine lawyer from Ralph Hardy's law office, had worked with Liana and me, pro bono, to get all the legal work done for this foundation before her departure. This was accomplished and sent to her.

Earlier in the year I had been asked to serve as Chair for 1990 Boy Scouts of America Gala. It needed to be a grand event and so I arranged for it to be at the most sought after embassy in DC; that of the USSR. The event was a smash hit although by then there was a new Ambassador in residence.

David Farnsworth, the Church's legal counsel in that part of the world was working hard to follow up on the doors that had been opened and the numerous visits to those countries by the Brethren, especially Elder Nelson. He requested my help in establishing a meeting for him with their Minister or Secretary for Religious Affairs of the USSR that we might properly apply for recognition of a congregation in Leningrad.

The missionaries were allowed to go on day visits from the Norway area to visit, baptize and meet with members and prospective members, but these were only day visit. After some effort this meeting was accomplished and the Church was recognized in the district of Leningrad. As a result Pierce and I were able to attend a baptism and a Sacrament meeting when we were in Leningrad the following January

I began relations with the new Ambassador, Alexander Bessmertynykh and his wife Marianna who had been sent to represent the USSR in Washington, D.C. This relationship was important, but not pressing as there were enough contacts in place in-country that the Mission President, David Farnsworth and Area Presidency under Elder Hans Ringger could do most of the work.

NEXT STEPS IN POLAND

A Mission President had been named for **Poland**, and the new Polish mission was to open in July. Additional missionaries were slated to arrive soon after.

The Area Presidency had been handling most of the work in country but as this expansion and enlarged presence was desired they were no longer 'flying under the radar,' so to speak. They were now coming upon issues which required greater attention at a more significant government level. To this end I arranged another dinner at my home for Minister Ryszard Krystosik of the Polish Embassy as in this time of transition he was the one with the power to act.

Not long after, I noted that the Prime Minister of Poland was to speak at the National Press Club. I arranged to slip out of my office to the luncheon upstairs and was impressed with his careful and reasoned response to questions. I was able to meet with him for a few minutes after and to express our interest in his country, and apprise him of our church's long presence and desire to do more. He said he had heard something about the Church and would meet with our leaders in-country.

As mentioned last year, I had been working with a Polish Journalist, Zygmunt Broniarek 'Ziggy' to develop a story on the Church and our belief system, especially the importance of families and our family history work. This article, published in the leading magazine, *Perspectwiy*, was three pages in length and featured a full color picture of the Salt Lake Temple, information about the new chapel in Warsaw, about our concept of family history, and how Poles might begin doing their own. This timely story served us well.

DOORS OPEN WIDER IN HUNGARY

In March I was invited to a reception to meet the acting President of the new Republic of **Hungary,** Matyas Szuros and was able to convey the good wishes of the leadership of our church to them and to their country. Our first meeting house in the Republic of Hungary had been dedicated by Elder Monson, last October 1989.

I told them how grateful we were that we have been recognized as a Church as this now allowed our members to meet and worship freely. He was aware of our activities and extended good wishes. Throughout the evening I had opportunities to talk extensively to Ambassador Varkonyi who had always been a friend.

Also in attendance was the Reverend Laszlo Tokes, the Hungarian human rights leader who had courageously pastored Romania's 2.5 million Hungarian Christians and who played a key role in the Romanian Revolution

and now served as a member of the interim Romanian government, a humble, gentle and exceptionally courageous man. We spoke of ways we might mutually support one another in our work for Christ.

By August the ambassador had been recalled, but he advised me before his departure that the Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Ivan Pataki, who I knew well, would continue to be my contact. I met with him and we began to explore what we might do in Budapest to meet that country's new leadership at the time of the Choir visit. He assured me that I would meet the new ambassador as soon as he arrived. He would also assign someone at the embassy to keep me apprised of new appointments in-country, assist with lists, locals and strategies and that he, having also by now been recalled, would oversee all that was needed in-country.

APPOINTMENTS SET IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ROMANIA AND BULGARIA

It was in early January that Elder Nelson advised that he would like to plan a trip to **Czechoslovakia and Romania**. He asked me to see what appointments can be set. He also explained that he felt now was the time to visit **Bulgaria** and suggested I see what I could set up with appropriate government leaders in Bulgaria.[16]

The movement toward freedom in **Czechoslovakia** was known as the Velvet Revolution. There was a new government emerging. I was grateful for the warm working relationship with the Ambassador and asked him to do his best to establish an in-country appointment with Mr. Hromadka, the new Vice Minister in charge of Religious Affairs.

I didn't know it at the time but the Ambassador had already been recalled, however, he expended much personal effort and energy right up to the day of his departure for Prague on February 4th. He made sure that Elder Nelson's appointment with Dr. Hromadka was in place and was holding. He also introduced me to Mr. Chrobak the new Acting Ambassador, to assure that there would be no contact vacuum at the Embassy.

The morning of his departure he phoned to say good bye and asked me to deliver a message to Elder Nelson. He asked me to tell him that he had truly tried to achieve recognition of the Church in that country. He said if someone could go to Prague the next day they would find the papers requesting the Church's recognition, fully filled out. He explained where these papers could

be found. He suggested that there was a small window of opportunity and felt we could achieve this recognition.

During that call he asked if his chauffeur could bring something to my home. It was two cases of wonderful sparkling burgundy (nonalcoholic) which he had shipped from his country to use for our visits to the Embassy inasmuch as we didn't drink alcohol. How splendidly sensitive and generous!

It was February 22nd when the Church received notice of official recognition in Czechoslovakia. This joyous development brought to culmination our long history of initiative and three years of discussions, meetings with government leaders both in country and in DC, spearheaded by Elder Nelson and orchestrated by our office.

Upon his return from country Elder Nelson reported that ads were already being placed in newspapers advising of times and places of Church meetings and that a separate mission was being established with plans for a mission president to be called by July.

By August that nation had become two, **Czech and Slovakia.** I hosted the now Deputy Chief of Mission, Chrobak of Czech and his family at the Visitors Center and at a special luncheon. He called me the next day to say that his 17 year old daughter, who had been in attendance, had spent the evening quizzing him about the Church.

We spoke of the upcoming Choir tour to his country, of plans to host a VIP event in his country. He was excited and said he would personally write their new President, Vaclav Havel, in September and ask him to save the date in June. He also said he would do his best to keep me informed of who was called to important government positions. He advised that his Cultural Attaché would respond to my every request and assist in all ways needed.

He also had a problem. A 7 year old grandson who was coming to live with him could only get into the Arlington School system if they paid $7,000, which they did not have. I called Joy Korologos a member of our Women's Committee and powerhouse in that school system. She had the problem resolved within 12 hours.

The Housteckys remained good friends for the Church in-country, although their influence was obviously negated with the change from Communist. Pierce and I visited them each time we were in Prague. Maria (Mrs.

Houstecky) often commented that if she were a religious woman she would be a Mormon.

With some help from 'Hill' people I was able to set appointments with government leaders for Elder Nelson's travel to **Romania and Bulgaria.** The outcome of these meetings was that missionary couples with expertise in hospital administration and constitutional law would be allowed in if they would work half time for the new, struggling government. It was also agreed that they would be allowed to proselyte the other part of their time.

Not long after that evening the **Bulgarian** Ambassador Velichko Velichkov accepted the dinner invitation to my home where he could meet a variety of our friends and church leaders.

OVERTURES TO ALBANIA AND NAMABIA

Both Elder Nelson and Elder Oaks suggested that it was time to move forward in **Albania**, the last of that block of countries and most difficult to get into. Because of the nature of their government the USA had no diplomatic relationship, there was no embassy in Washington, D.C. and only a Mission tied to the United Nations in New York City.

It was almost impossible to reach them by telephone. They were a closed country and their regime had prohibited contact with outsiders. However, I knew the Lord would open the door at the right time if I would just do my part.

I met with Congressman Tom Lantos, formerly from Hungary, and his aide Robert King (a member of the Church as is Lantos' wife) and asked for their advice. They said they would be traveling to that part of the world on a fact finding junket and would try to gather information.

Tom and Bob were the first American State visitors to be admitted to that country since 1948. On their return Elder Nelson and I met with them to gather their impressions of that and the many other former Eastern Bloc nations they had visited on this trip. They reported that Albanian officials had said they likely would relax their stance and opportunities were bound to come up for one or more of our leaders to come in.

At this point I sought a meeting with their UN Ambassador Pitarka in New York. After many calls they agreed to the date of August 13 Elder Nelson flew to New York on Sunday night following a long week-end of reorganizing

a Stake in the Southeast. I asked Roger Shields, financial expert and a Stake President in the New York area, to accompany us.

There were guards posted, not too inconspicuously, outside and the general feeling was one of a closed legation and a closed country. Nonetheless we were received graciously. With his usual panache Elder Nelson was able to move the Ambassador towards further cooperation in getting his people into country and be of assistance to our people.

The Ambassador stated his beliefs in his country's current position of closed door and no religion. He noted that they had now sought official recognition as a nation from the United States. After further conversation it seemed they might be open to outreach but he said he doubted he could be of any help. At my request and after a bit of probing he had a staff member write down the name and number of someone I might contact in Tirana.

The Embassy was located near to Central Park. Our next appointment was with the new Ambassador of the newly freed nation of **Namibia** just across the Park. We walked to Tavern on the Green for a bite of lunch and to talk this matter through. Elder Nelson wanted me to press forward with getting a leader into Albania. He also pointed out two men standing in the doorway watching us. He said they had been following us since we left the Albanian Embassy.

Our meeting with the Namibian envoy went well. We found a climate of openness and receptivity and learned that he knew of members of the Church in-country. One of those was Jeff Flake, a young man who had assisted the SWAPO government in their bid to overthrow the previous dictatorship of Namibia. (Jeff Flake, as of late 2012, is a member of the US Senate, representing the State of Arizona). An interesting aside; as we left the embassy and hailed separate cabs the skies opened, there was a torrential downpour. My plane from LaGuardia was able to lift off, but Elder Nelson's from Kennedy was held on the tarmac for six hours. How do these Brethren keep the pace and the travel?

SAYING GOOD BYE AND HELLO TO AMBASSADORS FROM THE IRON CURTAIN

As noted, the Ambassadorial ranks were changing very quickly in our nation's capital. Because of the unrest in so many nations what had been cracks had now become fissures as one by one the Eastern Bloc nation were freeing themselves of the yoke of Communism.

This was a time of enormous hope and joy for us as a nation and as a religion, however, I had come to know these Ambassadors and their wives at a personal level and in most cases each had made a small or a large effort to assist us. And so there was some melancholy as, on June 21st, we attended the farewell reception for Herders of East Germany. They articulated a vested interest in the success of our temple in Freiberg and offered to continue as friends.

There was much activity and many receptions to attend, messages and small gifts to deliver personally as we said good bye to the old guard and welcomed in the new. I found that in many cases those coming in had not had the opportunity for diplomatic training as they had been banned from participation in the political and leadership processes of their countries and were struggling to find their way through the maze of this city which was called the 'capitol of the Free world.'

My efforts to have selected Ambassadors meet in small gathering arranged by us, but co-hosted by some of our great Mormon lay leaders, who also played key roles in business or government, continued with both old and new. Each of these leaders with their wives responded in amazing ways to every request. I write more of this when I speak of organizing this hosting committee.

There were none better or more helpful than Bill and Dick Marriott. I knew these new Ambassadors from the Eastern bloc countries revered the Marriott name as a business entity and would give much to meet their CEO as each Ambassador had an assignment to foster economic relationships for their countries. To this end I asked Bill to host a dinner on June 24th at the J.W Marriott hotel for the Ambassadors and their wives from the newly emerging governments of **Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Poland**. This coincided with a date Elder Nelson had said we could schedule him into Washington for a series of events.

The night arrived but despite my best efforts I had not yet received an official RSVP from two of the four Ambassadors. Recognizing they had limited staff and little diplomatic training I just kept moving the event forward. I was on the telephone with the embassy staff trying to confirm that these Ambassadors were indeed coming just 15 minutes before the dinner. All guests from our side had arrived and I wondered how I would explain their absence. Needless to say I gave a prayer of thanks and breathed a sigh of relief when in they walked.

The evening went beautifully. Even with a few language difficulties, dialogue was open and the exchange positive. From that time on our calls and requests to those embassies for meetings were given first priority.

Elder Nelson sent me a copy of his report on the evening and it was amazing to read the insightful information he had gleaned from each of these Ambassadors and their wives.[17]

The following day a similarly successful luncheon was hosted for the new ambassador from the USSR and a visit paid to the Belgium ambassador.

CHINA'S DOORS BEGIN TO OPEN

China was emerging from its own isolation. As reported earlier, I had come to know **China's** Ambassador Han Xu while he served in Washington in the late 1980s. It was gratifying to suggest, arrange for, and accompany Elder Nelson as he presented him, on behalf of the membership of the Church, a check to assist victims of a major earthquake in their country.

It was not long thereafter that Ambassador Han Xu returned to his country and a new Ambassador, Zhu Quizhen, arrived. Our First Contacts were desirous of meeting him and after a period of hard work and a series of amazing 'coincidences,' I was able to arrange a dinner party in his honor at my home.

There the Ambassador and his wife were able to meet Elders Neal A. Maxwell and Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve. Others invited to the dinner included a number of leaders of business, industry, Congress, and the diplomatic community, joined by their wives.

It was a wonderful evening. Both Ambassador Zhu and his wife were generous and warm. One should not be surprised as they only send their best and most seasoned diplomats to our country. As dinner began Ambassador Zhu offered a friendly toast to these new beginnings. He noted that at his staff briefing he was told that the people he would be dining with neither smoked, nor drank alcohol, tea or coffee. He had wondered what we would be like. He ended by saying; "Now I feel at home and can recognize the strength of those gathered."

Later I arranged for Elder Maxwell, Elder Oaks and Ambassador Zhu to slip quietly into our library for a private few minutes behind closed doors. There

an invitation was extended by the Brethren for Ambassador Zhu and his wife to be their guests at Church headquarters in Salt Lake City.

When all had departed Elder Maxwell, Elder Oaks, Pierce and I gathered in the living room and there, by firelight, with ties loosened and feet on ottomans, we spoke of the evening, what had been accomplished, and what needed to be accomplished. Conversation then turned to stories of some of their own personal experiences in a variety of nations and circumstances; such a treat. The spirit that filled our home as we knelt together in prayer prior to bed was powerful and peace filled. How could we be so blessed?

In August, Elder Oaks sent a special letter to the Ambassador which I asked First Secretary Wang Hangbou to deliver. I also invited her and anyone she would like to bring to be my guests at the Visitors Center for a special tour. On August 17th many First Secretaries, Special Assistants and members of the Consular Division came. During refreshments several took me aside and told me of their positive impressions and three of them told me they were believers. They all said their doors were open to help with anything we needed in country or at the Embassy.

UGANDA: WHY IS THE CHURCH NOT IN MY COUNTRY?

The Lord seemed to be moving his hand over the nations of **Africa** and its people. Mid-January a splendidly attired and regal woman from **Uganda** descended on my office with these words; "I want to know why the Church is not in my country?" Taken aback and seeking to gain time, I asked her to be seated and to tell me a little about herself. She informed me that her name was Mrs. Elizabeth Katana; she was the wife of the Deputy Ambassador of Uganda and a recently baptized member of the Church.

She told of her first sighting of the Washington, D.C. Temple and of being so drawn to it that she insisted her chauffer find a way off the beltway to that building. She walked through the Temple doors, to the recommend desk and asked for entry. The dear Brother asked for her recommend. Finding she had none he inquired further. By this time the Temple President, Earl Rouche, had joined them and explained that if she would accompany him to the Visitors Center she could learn about the Church and see pictures of the Temple's interior.

Upon entering the Visitors' Center Mrs. Katana was greeted by a portrait of President Ezra Taft Benson, holding in his hand a Book of Mormon. That man,

holding that same book, but with its title obscured, had on three occasions visited her in her dreams. The earliest of those dream visitations had been when she was a young girl in her native land. The most recent time was just before she and her husband were leaving Geneva, Switzerland, to accept his assignment to the United States. In her dream she was told that this was the book she was to take back to the children of her country.

Betty listened to all the missionary discussions and asked to be baptized within a few weeks' time. She was brought to my office at the suggestion of Elder Scott by another dear sister, Cleeretta Smiley. She said that she would be returning to her country within the next few days to help host an international woman's meeting. She would be staying at the home of Uganda's President Museveni, and she thought it would be an auspicious time to introduce the gospel.

Her story was so compelling that I immediately faxed all details to Elder Maxwell. After prayerful consultation with others in authority he informed me that this request seemed timely. There was a problem however as he was departing that evening on an international trip and he said that he had asked President Goaslind, the African Area President, to work with me. He proposed that Elder Robert E. Sackley, with whom I had worked in Washington while he was DC Visitor's Center Director, could make the journey to Uganda. The problem; he was traveling in the north of Africa and I would need to locate him, relay this information and any insights I might have and handle all arrangements as Elder Goaslind had other commitments.

After many telephone calls I was able to reach Elder Sackley to inform him of these developments and convey the message from his Priesthood Authority asking that he meet Sister Katana at the appointed time in Uganda. Travel between countries was spotty and difficult, but all was arranged. After taking a series of connecting flights, which required much of three days, he arrived to find Sister Katana at the airport. With her were many of her friends waiting to be taught. The land was dedicated for the preaching of the gospel, and the Church began to move forward in that country.

Early summer an invitation was issued to the **Ugandan** Ambassador, Stephen Katenta-Apuli, to be guests of the Church at SLC headquarters. The invitation was accepted and the Ambassador, his wife and the Deputy Ambassador Frances Katana, along with his wife Betty, visited. They were delighted and impressed as they met President Hinckley, were hosted at a special dinner by other members of the Twelve and visited BYU and other sites.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL INITATIVES

Mrs. Sally Mugabe, wife of the President of **Zimbabwe**, asked me to join her at the United Nations as she attended a special session on children. I was her guest at a private luncheon and at this time she explained how important our past donations had been to the women and children of her country. We, together, had distributed clothing and sewing machines and other goods from the church to the several villages when I was with her on my last trip to Zimbabwe.

She wondered if the Church could help with more clothing for the needy. Working through Ike Ferguson in Humanitarian Affairs an agreement was reached that they would ship 45,000 tons of clothing to her Child Survival Foundation for orphanages in that country.

Mrs. Mugabe also asked if I would help her form a Child Survival Foundation in this country where donations could be solicited and received. I agreed to do this and work began. It is sad, as of this writing, to see this nation which was laying such a grand foundation for Democracy, including education for all its citizens and religious freedom, has evolved into a Dictatorship, lead by this same President who changed course for his country so dramatically after the death of his lovely Sally.

GHANA REOPENS

I wrote earlier of the expulsion order of our missionaries and leaders from **Ghana**. Elder Maxwell asked that I continue to seek amelioration and I met often with Ambassador Otoo, always providing new information or asking that he update me on the situation of our Church in-country. It was midsummer when the expulsion order was at last lifted

Now let us go to October, some 18 months after that expulsion order and just a few months after the church's right to assemble and its member's right to worship was restored. Elders Boyd K. Packer and James A. Faust returned to this country to check on matters, conducts Conferences, strengthen and comfort the saints and restore and reorganize the church. Elder Faust spoke with me upon his return.

He related that 93% of the members of the Ghanaian stake he was organizing were in attendance at this conference. He asked if I knew of such a high percentage of attendance at a Stake Conference here in the U.S. Thinking

perhaps the percentage was so large because there were few people. I asked what that represented in numbers. He replied, "There were in excess of 2700 in attendance. We could not begin to accommodate them in the building. We gathered out of doors, spreading a large net to break the heat of the sun. The spirit was overwhelming and the faith was evident." Elder Packer related a similar experience at the Conference over which he presided in another part of the nation.

Elder Faust then related another story. He said that when he issued the calling to the new Ghanaian Stake President he said, "You have so much work to do to reorganize and so many have been away from the organized church for this period of time that I do not want you to feel that you need to fill all the positions. It will be enough to fill the main offices. The auxiliary Presidents can function without counselors or full boards for a time."

The following morning, when they met, that newly called Stake President advised that he had filled every single position. And this in a country new to the gospel and among a people whose organized church had unceremoniously been pulled from under them; people who had not been allowed to meet or worship openly for nearly 2 years. However, they had faithfully carried out the Home Teaching program month after month and the members had remained strong and faithful.

Ambassador Otoo had accepted the invitation to visit Utah in the spring and we began working with his staff to bring that trip to fruition, however, he was recalled before he was able to complete that visit. We were both sad because this had been such an intense journey and he did want to go. Because he was the longest serving Ambassador in our nation's capital, thus making him Dean of the Ambassadorial corps, he had significant influence and we missed this contact with him.

GABON, CAMEROON, NIGERIA, SWAZILAND

The Deputy Ambassador of **Gabon**, Jerome Obounou-Mbogo had contacted me and expressed an interest in knowing more about this Church which his fellow African ambassadors were talking about. My staff prepared materials and I met with him several times. He was interested in a visit to Utah and so an invitation was extended. I accompanied him on what was a most successful visit and he was hosted by Richard Lindsay with a full range of activities including attending a Sacrament meeting in West Jordon. As he left his last meeting with Elder Maxwell he said: "I know I have been in the

presence of a man of God." As a result of this visit a letter was sent to him asking that he gather information as to how we might go about seeking recognition of the Church in his country.

During this time I received a call advising me that an amazing women. Jacqueline Mounguembe-Sita, Deputy Mayor of Libreville, the capitol of Gabon, had requested baptism. Would I attend? She had been introduced to the Church while here on business by a native of Gabon who was a member of the Church in the D.C. area. Of course I attended and afterwards hosted an event at my home attended by some of her friends from the Embassy and selected members of our LDS community that she might feel she had friends in place here and abroad.

In our conversations I learned that Mrs. Mounguembe-Sita was the President of an organization responsible for over 30 million African women in 11 African countries. She was a lovely, smart, beautiful woman and said she would do all possible to support and introduce the Church in her country. I really don't know the end of that story as I lost contact with her, but do hope all went well with her.

Not long after, I received a call from the Embassy of Gabon accepting the invitation I had extended to the wife of Ambassador Ahmadu to be my guest for a tour of our Visitor's Center and Temple Grounds. What a glorious spiritual event as she spoke of her own beliefs, which so closely paralleled ours and expressed a desire someday to return to the Temple.

The church was looking to explore openings in **Cameroon**. We were pleased to learn that Ramellne Kamga a business woman of that country with good contacts in Africa was baptized. This country had just achieved independence and was not yet fully recognized by our government and only had a presence at the UN in New York.

Elder Maxwell requested that I learn more of the nation of **Namibia**, its stability and future for the Church as they emerged as a nation. There only official presence was at the United Nations and so, as recounted earlier, I arranged the meeting previously mentioned when Elder Nelson and I were in New York.

Ever alert to opportunities, when my office learned that Namibia had a choir visiting Utah and DC., we worked with the Public Affairs office in Salt Lake City. We made sure the choir was given every courtesy and we attended the event in DC.

As I met with and spoke to the **Kenyan** Ambassador about the issues we

were facing in their country, he again expressed their government's great concern that we would only take from the people and not help build the country. This afforded me the opportunity to discuss our lay leadership with him and the strength the Church brings to individuals and to families, an area he had not been interested in hearing before. He was surprised by these new insights and asked that I meet with his First Secretary and present him with all this information in a written format. In turn, he would send it on to his government.

It also seemed important that he know something of the humanitarian work we were doing in his country and of the aid that had gone to them over the last few years.

Our Church had been very quiet about our Humanitarian aid to most countries to this point. When I inquired as to why, it was suggested to me that it was important to follow the Saviors admonition to not "speak of our good works." This reticence, aligned with the fact that much of our aid was going through some other organized group or religion, gave countries no opportunity to know who we were as a people.

On inquiry regarding the source of the Kenyan's negative impressions, they advised that in preparation for my visit the embassy staff had prepared briefing notes for their Ambassadors from the only sources of information they had. They used Nexus searches to gather press stories, went to libraries for books, and talked with others of their colleagues in the diplomatic corps. In this search they would turn up nine negative press stories and pieces of literature for every one that was positive.

It is little wonder that they had such an inaccurate image of our beliefs and who we were as a people. They also advised that on inquiry of other faiths in their country they were advised we were a cult of questionable origin.

With some reservation, I was given permission to pull appropriate information together and working with the Humanitarian office gathered facts, figures and other statistics, which my staff compiled.

We prepared an outstanding folio containing details and dollar amounts of humanitarian work by the Church in Kenya. This information, along with a second book about our beliefs, our origin, our leadership and how we functioned in that leadership was delivered. After review and discussion of these materials the officials were both surprised and heartened by what they learned.

These materials had such a positive impact that I felt we should advance and standardize this concept by developing a similarly designed folio directed to each Embassy we visited. To this end our office established a protocol of materials and actions when opening or furthering relations with Embassies. We designed a smart five part folio which contained a) A description of our history, our beliefs and our leadership. b) An overview of our membership worldwide c) A breakdown of membership in that country, chapels, temples and any other relevant information. d) Specific humanitarian efforts extended through the years, current initiatives and general information regarding our humanitarian policies

The kit also included a press book, an appropriate video, and a copy of Truth Restored. I worked with the Public Affairs Department and Richard Lindsay to develop correct information to include in these packets.

During the year Elder Maxwell dedicated **Swaziland** and on his return from **Nigeria** reported there are now 25 buildings and 13,000 members in Nigeria. There was interest in doing a film in-country reflecting some of this, however, visas had been denied. Working through the Embassy we were able to expedite these visas, allowing both entry and filming.

Our activity in the African nations had not gone unnoticed by others in that community. In response to interest expressed at Howard University, we arranged for their Dr. Sulayman Nyang, the Director of African Studies at that University to be hosted at Church headquarters, to visit BYU and to spend time in the city. His impressions were very positive.

Elder Richard Lindsay, who had just been released as head of the Public and Special Affairs at church headquarters and had been called as a member of the Second Quorum of the Seventies and subsequently to the Africa Area Presidency asked if he came to Washington if I would introduce him to the ambassadors of various countries on that African Continent.

On short notice my staff and I arranged for and I escorted him to meetings with the Ambassadors of **Gabon, Uganda, Madagascar, Kenya. Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Gabon, Suriname**. It is always amazing that these ambassadors respond so generously to my requests. There is no other answer but that the Lord's hand is in it, "after all we can do."

BELGIUM, SPAIN, TRINIDAD, WESTERN SAMOA AND OTHERS

Although my primary focus was on areas where the church was not yet recognized or areas that were under the auspices of the International Mission, as requested by one or another of the First Contact Brethren, there was also a great need to continue developing relationships with a wide variety of nations to solve simple and sometimes very complex problems. I will just range through a sampling of some of our activities in this regard.

There were visa problems in **Belgium.** Visas had been denied for the Mission President, Richard Barrett, his wife and family along with several missionaries. Elder Nelson asked that I arrange a visit with this Ambassador on his next visit to DC, which would be June 25th. I worked through the appointment and asked Gregory Newell to join us as he had served a mission in Belgium, some 20 years prior.

Ambassador, Herman Dehennin was familiar with the Church and our missionary program and was surprised at this turn of events. He called in his attaché, their visa specialist and we put them in touch with the Missionary Department to assure the Embassy had all the information they needed to resolve this matter

There seemed to be a never ending problem with visa's to **Spain.** Several times a year I met with Deputy Ambassador Fuentes who was amazing and worked with us at such an open level. Nonetheless it took much time on our part and on his. Elder Nelson had hoped to meet with the Ambassador to thank him and encourage continuing support on the June trip, but he was unavailable and so another time.

Time was spent with representatives of the government of **Trinidad and Tobago** in an effort to help allay their fears and to provide accurate information as the church sought to enter that country. We advised of and facilitated the visit of Elder M. Russell Ballard as he dedicated that land to the preaching of the gospel.

It was rewarding to assist Ambassador Wendt of **Western Samoa** in arranging a visit of his Prime Minister, The Honorable Tofilau Eti Alesana and members of his foreign affairs staff to Church headquarters. While there he was hosted at a luncheon by President Hinckley and joined by others of the Twelve. He also spoke at the Kennedy Center for International Studies at BYU.

I received a letter of thank you upon his return to country in which he wrote; "The opportunity given....to personally view the meticulous...beauty of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Headquarters is an unforgettable experience. It has given me a feeling that the world can and should be a pleasant place to live in if only we can accept and follow the teaching of Christ."

The nation of the **Philippines** had been ravaged by typhoons and an earthquake this year. In April I received a request from Irene Natividad of the Philippine-American Foundation, for $25,000 to help them build typhoon-resistant housing and in July a request from the Embassy came for an additional $25,000 for immediate use in earthquake relief as the July earthquake had killed some 1600 of their citizens.

I conveyed this dire need to Elder Maxwell and suggested other ways our Humanitarian arm could be extended. The proposal was accepted and Elder Richard Scott traveled to D.C. to meet with and present the check to Ambassador Pelez. This check was to be used for all victims of the disaster. We had some 213,000 members in that country and other aid was going to them.

Barbados had arbitrarily reduced the number of missionaries in that country from 30 to 12 which number included the Mission President and his wife and the Area Office staff. Mission President Dean Jeffs wrote to Elder Ballard asking for help. At the request of Elder James Faust, I tried to get to the bottom of this matter. The problem seemed to have resulted from an intense effort to discredit the church by other sects in that island nation.

To counteract this it seemed important that they see us as substantive people who contributed positively to their countries wellbeing. Therefore, I recommended headquarters send Ambassador Gregory Newell to Barbados to meet with key officials. He was known to them from his days as an Undersecretary of State. This was agreed to and set in motion. The meeting went well and problems eased for a period of time.

I was invited to many of the **Israeli** embassy's major events and always made an effort to attend as good relations were so important for our BYU Center and other outreach. It was an honor to be present at an important reception celebrating the 42nd Anniversary of the establishment of Israel. After a significant earthquake in **Iran,** I was asked to see if there might be ways to facilitate getting aid to these victims. Cleopatra Bromand, famous fashion

designer, former Iranian citizen and friends provided us with information and addresses, which were sent on for use as appropriate. She and her family had escaped after the fall of the Shaw, but had excellent contacts in country.

Elder Ballard and Elder Didier were scheduled to travel to **Suriname** in February but their visas were being held up. We were asked to do all we could to facilitate. I meet with the officials at the embassy carrying all their documents. After some initial resistance these visas were issued and the trip went forward. An interesting request came in to me on November 5th. The **Indian** Ambassador was going to Salt Lake City and wanted to spend Thanksgiving with Elder Nelson, which was arranged and which he did.

There were many other initiatives, activities and events with embassy officials and senior officials during that year there but this gives an overview.

PREPARATIONS FOR HOSTING EVENTS MTC CHOIR TOUR

Elder Nelson and I had spoken frequently of the opportunities that might be provided as the Mormon Tabernacle Choir executed its planned tour of seven nations; four behind the Iron curtain, in the spring of 1991.

I had advanced the idea that we could use this visit to acquaint these countries new emerging leadership with our Church, its leadership and its people and had spent considerable time preparing and refining a complete proposal for Elder Nelson and his committee. Elder Nelson felt this plan for maximizing use of this tour was on track and requested Choir President, Wendell Smoot and I stay in touch, and keep one another informed of those plans.

In August I received the Choir's itinerary and sent a letter to President Smoot outlining our concepts for using the concerts to be held in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the USSR as a significant component of the Church's International outreach and future planning.

My suggestion for the four capital cities of Budapest, Prague, Warsaw, Moscow and for the city of Leningrad was that we have sit-down dinners for their leadership as such are the best way of allowing important interaction with our Apostles, church leaders and some of our LDS international CEOS; interactions which generate a basis for long-term access and loyalty. In the referenced letter you can read the details as I outlined them and which are essentially as they were executed.[18]

Once this format was approved by the Brethren I finalized those business

and legislative leaders who would co-host for each event and the real hard work of bringing those plans to fruition began.

BOARDS, EVENTS, SPEECHES

The **National Prayer Breakfast** was an important event in the capitol city. It was organized by a group in Congress and was dominated by Evangelical Christians and Baptists. In addition to an address by the President of the United State, it was seen as a 'must attend' event by Ambassadors as it provided opportunities for them to meet members of Congress, religious leaders and others of the Diplomatic Corps.

We had never been on the list of 'approved' religions so were neither included on the invitation list or in the planning. As we became better known to Ambassadors I was asked quietly by many who considered themselves friends, and who were seeking to prove our legitimacy as a recognized religion to their governments, why were we not included in this event. I had reached out to this organization in the past and been rebuffed, but now it seemed important to bend every effort to change this situation.

To this end I met with members of Congress, accompanied by prominent representatives of our LDS community and expressed our desire to be a contributing part of this group. My meetings, at a private level, also continued with the National Religious Broadcasting Association leadership as they had enormous sway in the group.

I continued to suggest support in ecumenical circles in which I worked. Despite 'best effort' we were not yet included in the 'inner circle' as they still considered us non-Christians. They did, however, invite us to attend this year and allowed us as a Church, to host a special table where we were greeted by many of our Ambassadorial friends who were in attendance.

At this time Elder Haight approved my request that we move to full participation in the **Interfaith Conference of DC.** This offered us the opportunity to appoint some of our members to their committees and provide other leadership as requested.

Their director, Clark Lobenstein, was looking for a place to hold a retreat for their leadership, of which I was now a member, so I agreed to host this daylong event at my home. It was a very positive event where confidence in one another's intentions was forged and strong and meaningful relationships furthered. I also hosted a meeting at my home with national media group

planning special religious programming for the ecumenical network **VISN,** headquartered in New York, on whose board, as referenced previously, I sat as a representative of the Church.

It was a privilege to be invited to attend and participate in the **Regional Representatives Seminar,** just prior to General Conference, March 30, in Salt Lake City. Addresses were delivered by President Hinckley, Elder Monson, President Packer, Elders Haight, Faust, Perry, Maxwell and Scott. I gained important insight into how the Counsels of the Church function and as the only woman in attendance, felt a level of trust that buoyed me up.

My schedule continued to take me a few times each year to attend the meeting of the Board of **Religion in American Life (RIAL).** Made up of highly placed business leaders and religious leaders it was important for our Church to be represented and identified as a Christian religion. I mentioned earlier how unwelcomed I was at the first meeting some years ago. Now they were old friends and my presence and input were highly valued.

This year Elder Russell M. Ballard accepted our invitation to host our Opening Night Lighting Ceremony at the Visitors Center. We had arranged for Ambassador Keith Johnson of Jamaica and Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps to join him. There were so many problems in the Island Nations that it was important their leadership know us. This event provided an excellent opportunity for just that.

Elder Ballard now had been assigned his turn for oversight responsibilities for our area. He had now caught the vision of our office at both the international and political level; having always been aware of our public relations and press functions.

To this end he asked that appointments be set with members of congress and also asked that I begin developing relationship with the "right people" for the countries of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia, countries over which he had oversight.

Planning was also beginning for the Open House for DC Temple and it required the best thinking and attention of not only the Priesthood leadership, but all of us. I was included in the planning sessions and often tasked with special assignments as the time drew nearer.

CHANGES PUBLIC/INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

As I exercised my mandate to find the best ways of developing the work of our D.C. office to best accommodate the needs and challenges of our ever growing international outreach, which required constant and vigilant attention, I requested that my International duties be recognized as my primary thrust and my responsibilities for the D.C. Public Affairs office be given to another, with our office having two separate functions.

This proposal was agreed upon and formalized by a calling from Elder Haight on July 9th. My memo to the Priesthood Leaders of the North American Northeast Area outlines these changes.[19] There may be historians who have interest in this evolution.

Briefly, my mandate to initiate and cultivate international relationships and maintain contact with foreign governments was primary, while I still maintained Public Affairs Director responsibilities for the New York Office and international media in D.C. and New York.

I was asked to continue to act as a Church spokesperson to the mass communications media and to continue to serve as Area PCD until such time as an appropriate person could be found to handle that responsibility. I was to continue working directly under and reporting directly to those members of the Twelve who served on the Special Affairs Committee, and to respond in all areas as requested.

This did not change my load at all, however, it did allow me to expand on, formalize and make better use of an International Advisory Group which I had been using on an ad hoc basis up to that point.

Elder David Haight was chair of the Committee of the Twelve to which I reported and is the man who first called me to this work. He continued to shepherd me as we expanded and redefined what was possible through this office.

On July 9th I received a letter from him thanking me for service already extended and recalling me to this now newly defined position as Director of Internal Affairs as well as Public Communication. This renewed apostolic imprimatur enhanced my awareness of the sacredness of the trust and the importance of the work.

Elder Haight had been such a beloved mentor and friend and so it was a shock to learn that he had undergone heart surgery involving five coronary artery bypasses. The recovery was difficult and long. I had asked my sister-in-law, Jessie Harrington, to personally select and deliver flowers along with a few fun items including a sad stuffed monkey. He called and told me this monkey resided on his headboard and made him laugh when he looked at it and a letter followed thanking me for the flowers. They never forget the thank you no matter how busy or challenged they are.

FORMATION OF INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

While Elder Nelson was in DC in June a new structure for our **International Advisory Group** was approved and new members were called. Following the Special Affairs session seven new couples were called to my International Advisory Board and three sisters and their partners were called to serve on the International Hosting Committee. I had requested the best and brightest in the greater DC area, leaders in the business and government community and also faithful church members. That is who were called and set apart.

I had also requested that certain members of this Group be called to a more active partnership, based on our ever growing and evolving national and international needs; for more eyes, ears and 'powerful boots on the ground' at both the Ambassadorial level and in the work of developing more and closer relations with Deputy Ambassadors and key, embassy personnel.

I was now actively working with 44 Ambassadors. While I found it essential that I meet with them personally to ask for their help as we worked through challenges for the Church within their countries, have them in my home, attend their events and accompany them as they travelled to Utah, it was very helpful to have one or more of our Priesthood holders who, by title or access, would be seen as a peer to the Ambassadors and who could officially accompany me and whoever the First Contact was, to meetings. I had been using many of them on an ad hoc basis and they had been invaluable. It seemed that formalizing involvement would bring greater focus and clarity.

The group was truly a 'dream team.' These powerful and extraordinarily busy CEOs and government executives and others were ever ready to do whatever was needed to help open doors, solve problems, or advance initiatives in order that the gospel might roll forward to every clime and people. They were also amazing, humble, commanding Priesthood holders and my testimony of the perfection of the Plan grew as I worked with them.

to other dignitaries who had stretched themselves for us. I remember Ambassador Tuaopepe F. Wendt's delight at receiving this invitation. He had not previously been to Conference and upon his return he sent a thank you note saying in part: "Mrs. Wendt and I had the experience of our life."

In July I travelled to meet with the **Hill Cumorah Pageant** Committee and Public Communications Directors of the Area. They were doing an excellent job of community outreach and had initiated a Business Leaders Dinner prior to the Pageant which included an invitation for them to attend the Pageant itself. Asked to be one of the speakers I was honored to participate and pleased with this initiative. The Pageant, as always, was glorious.

Serving on BYU President Rex Lee's **President's Roundtable,** which met with him twice a year, was stimulating and informative. As we discussed the objective of the University, learned of challenges and decisions that must be made, and had opportunities for meaningful input we came to see this University in a different light.

Encyclopedia of Mormonism and my Article on Eve: As noted earlier I had been working on my entry on Eve for this Encyclopedia for some time. The genesis of this publication was that libraries would not accept materials published by the Church or affiliated publishing houses. There was such a need to get correct information about our beliefs and history into the public square. It was arranged for a group of scholars at Brigham Young University and others to undertake the massive work under the watchful eye of Dan Ludlow as senior editor. Macmillan Publishing agreed to its publication and distribution.

Throughout the previous year and parts of this year I had been working on the entry. There was much back and forth and many suggestions for change, but at last my entry, which though short because of space limitation, was finalized for publication.[20] I felt it captured the key truths of Eve, this glorious woman.

Speaking requests and assignments abounded. I accepted as many as I could, which generally meant I was speaking somewhere at least once a week, and frequently more. Preparing these speeches helped me stay close to the basics of the Gospel and carefully listening to the need of individuals in the church, particularly the women. I addressed Regional and Stake Events, Women's Conferences, Career groups, and even the Fourth of July event at the Fairfax Stake in Virginia. A few of these programs and requests reside in the files.

TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

January 27th was a wonderful day as Marc and Ilene were joined together in marriage. It was an interfaith ceremony with a Jewish Rabbi and Pierce participating. Traditions of both of the partners were honored at the lovely dinner and festivities and dancing after. Bradley was included in all the events and they are working hard to blend their lives into one whole. Ilene looked beautiful and Marc handsome and happy.

On April 20th our fifth grandson, Michael Alexander Campbell, was born. I was met at the DC airport with a message of his birth while deplaning with the Dubinins after their historic visit to Utah. He was a delightful and handsome child, however, we did find a few café a lait spots on his legs which meant he would have to be watched for Neurofibromatosis and might have some physical challenges throughout his lifetime.

On May 8th my dear friend, Antonio Novello was sworn in as United States Surgeon General. This reminded me of the American Dream at its best, or as she laughingly said, "It's *West Side Story* being played out at West Wing of White House." Tony was from Puerto Rico, had a Spanish flair and a wonderful accent. She was brilliant and fun and politically savvy. Earlier I wrote of our getting acquainted, of our ongoing friendship, and of her and Joe's support to our entire family at the time of Heather's death.

She credits me (but mostly Senator Hatch) as having a hand in moving her to this position. At one point she asked if I could introduce her to someone who might find a way to use her medical expertise on a special Hill committee connected to our nation's health. I introduced her to Senator Hatch and the story moves forward from there.

Dantzel Nelson, wife of Elder Russell Nelson had become a valued friend and we planned for her to come and spend time in February while he was travelling abroad. She arrived on the 26th. Guided by Fay Fletcher we spent two days in Amish Country, when we all basked in the beauty of their crafts. Fay took us to the Martins, an Amish family we were privileged to visit. Mrs. Martin was the premier quilt maker of the area.

After admiring the large array Mrs. Martin and her daughters so lovingly opened up for us, Dantzel found two she loved and I found one. We had great times in Washington. I had arranged a special luncheon and tour of the Capitol conducted by Florian Thayne, Capitol historian and Annette Lantos.

We visited museums and landmarks and when I needed to slip away to the office or attend outside meetings she and Pierce explored, but most of all we just enjoyed one another. My life is so rich with beloved friends.

My brother Blaine's wife passed away late May. She was an extraordinary addition to our family and we loved her deeply. I was surprised to receive letters of condolence from both Elder Haight and Elder Maxwell. (They had both had their staffs track me down to talk about matters of concern so they knew where I was and why I was there.) This thoughtfulness with their heavy burdens is truly illustrative of who they are.

As Pierce and I were selecting the places for our personal "get away together" this year, we kept in mind that we would visit people we loved and include countries of importance to the work, or which I thought might be on the upcoming agenda. And therefore we scheduled several stopovers on our way to meet the Walls and Fletchers for a cruise of the Greek Isles.

Arriving in London on the 23rd of August we drove straight to Tumbridge Wells to spend a couple of nights with Rosemary Newton at Groombridge Place. One night after dinner she took us to the local chapel, over which she was 'mistress,' part of the legacy of the heritage and responsibilities that passed to the owners of Groombridge Place as defined by the Royal pact of Tumbridge Wells.

Here she rolled back a carpet and revealed to us the carved stone with the Packer family name. That family was the original owners of Groombridge Place as mentioned in a previous year. She said she thought this was what Boyd Packer was looking for and she would show it to him the next time he visited. (If you're interested in that history Donna Packer wrote a wonderful book wherein she chronicles their search for the Packer family tree and how they were directed to tie it to Groombridge.)

We next drove to Wormsley in South Yorkshire to spend a brief three day with Reverend Stanley Hind and his wife, my 'shirttail' Brough relative, Ann. As you've read, she was found through our family history search and is an avid genealogist. We took her the church's new Family History Program with which she was delighted. On Sunday we attended a service at the Cathedral to hear the Reverend Cannon Stanley preach.

His sermon was warm and deeply spiritual. They had arranged a garden reception after the services so that we could meet their Parishioners and later we were hosted at a tea at the manor house of neighbors. They are

grand hosts and deeply valued by all who know them.

Our next stop was Paris, where we were guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Dubinin at the Soviet Embassy. The residence was grand; done in the French/Russian antique style with much gold adorning walls, pillars and all furnishings. It was so good to spend time with Liana again. We talked of where they are in their lives, how much they were enjoying this assignment but how much they missed all their relationships in the USA.

The work of Liana's Foundation seems to be going well and her daughters were moving forward with their lives in Moscow. Their oldest daughter, who was a Physician in Moscow, was in hospital in Paris with a baby due any moment. We sent flowers and love. I shall ever be grateful for that amazing journey with the Dubinins. This friendship was and continues to this day to be positive and meaningful.

We next travelled to Prague, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. We met and dined with the Housteckys (former Ambassador). The Winders were in residence as the new Mission President. We felt a low key introduction to the Housteckys was in order and so they joined us for a walking tour of the city center. Mrs. Houstecky offered to do anything she could to be of help but volunteered that, as they had been representatives of the previous government, their names might not be a plus.

As we visited and dined with the Winders in that first mission home in a very beleaguered country, looked for a venue for our IA/MTC dinner and attended church with them in the little Branch we came to see the strength of the people and of the Winders themselves. This is reflected in a note from Barbara Winder.[21] This was a brave new world; there were many shortages and few luxuries. The willingness to endure for the Lord's sake by our dear members always enlightens and encourages me.

We met the Walls and Fletchers in Athens, Greece on the morning of September 3rd where we boarded the Stella Solaris for their Theatre Guild tour which included the opportunity to see live performances by Helen Hayes, Carol Channing, Patricia Neal and others.

The next two weeks were spent touring the magnificent Greek Isles, the digs of Turkey with Jim as our guide, then on to the pyramids of Egypt and the wonder that is Jerusalem before our return. The camaraderie in our group was exceptionally and all had a glorious time. It was on the island of Rhodes that Pierce bought me my remembrance babble for the trip, a lovely 22 c. gold Rams head bracelet, with cobalt blue enameling and emerald eyes; my

favorite pierce of jewelry.

Our work with the Heather Foundation in Zimbabwe continued and this year we selected our first recipients of the Heather Scholarship which provided high school education for two candidates.

And of course my search to further the Slagowski line in Poland continued as did our efforts to flesh out Pierce's Campbell line. To this end letters were exchanged between Henryk Slagowski of Rugozno, Poland and Andrez Pawelczek, along with Monsignor Zdzislav Peskowski, all who were continuing to be helpful.

The Christmas season was glorious with our usual Christmas Party for our diplomatic friends and their families and for our family. Again all our family gathered in our house the evening of December 21st that we might celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas day together. The year ended with a Dinner in our home for the Chinese Ambassador with Elder Maxwell as co-host.[22]

1991 - Beverly, President George H.W. Bush and Elder M Russell Ballard
at Presidential Retreat, Camp David.

1986 - Beverly welcoming First Lady Nancy Reagan to NCADD Award
with Governor John Volpe of Massachusetts.

ca. 1993 - Elder Neal A. Maxwell, Beverly and Ambassador Abdel El Reedy of Egypt.

1985 - Beverly meeting Pope John Paul II at Vatican in Rome, Italy.

1995 - Beverly with Russell M. Nelson, meeting Vice Premier of China Li Lanqing, at Diaoyuta Guest House, Beijing.

1995 - Delegation to China: Front row, Colleen and Neal A. Maxwell, Russell M. Nelson, Vice Premier of China, Li, CPAFFC President Qi, Pierce Campbell,
Back row, John Carmack, Dantzel Nelson, Elder and Sister Tai, Beverly and interpreter in Beijing, China.

1994 -- Ambassador Maher El Sayed of Egypt, Beverly, and Elder Neal A. Maxwell At D.C. Christmas Lighting.

1987 -Ambassador and Mrs. Yuri Dubinin of USSR, receiving earthquake check from Elder Nelson.

Pierce and Beverly in Moscow for planning in 1991.

1996 - President Gordon B. Hinckley being introduced to Ambassador
by Beverly Campbell, Washington, D.C.

1996 - Pierce and Beverly hosting Kenyan Ambassador and Mrs. Dennis Afande,
Joined by Elaine Hatch and Senator Orrin Hatch.

1997 - Beverly hosting President Qi Huaiyuan of CPAFFC at her home.
Congressman Wally Herger, V.P. Li Xiaolin, Beverly, Pres. Qi, Senator Bob Bennett.

1992 - Beverly, Ambassador Paul Pondi of Cameroon and
Elder Dallin H. Oaks, Washington, D.C.

1991 - Beverly, Elder Russell M. and Dantzel Nelson with Saints in Germany.

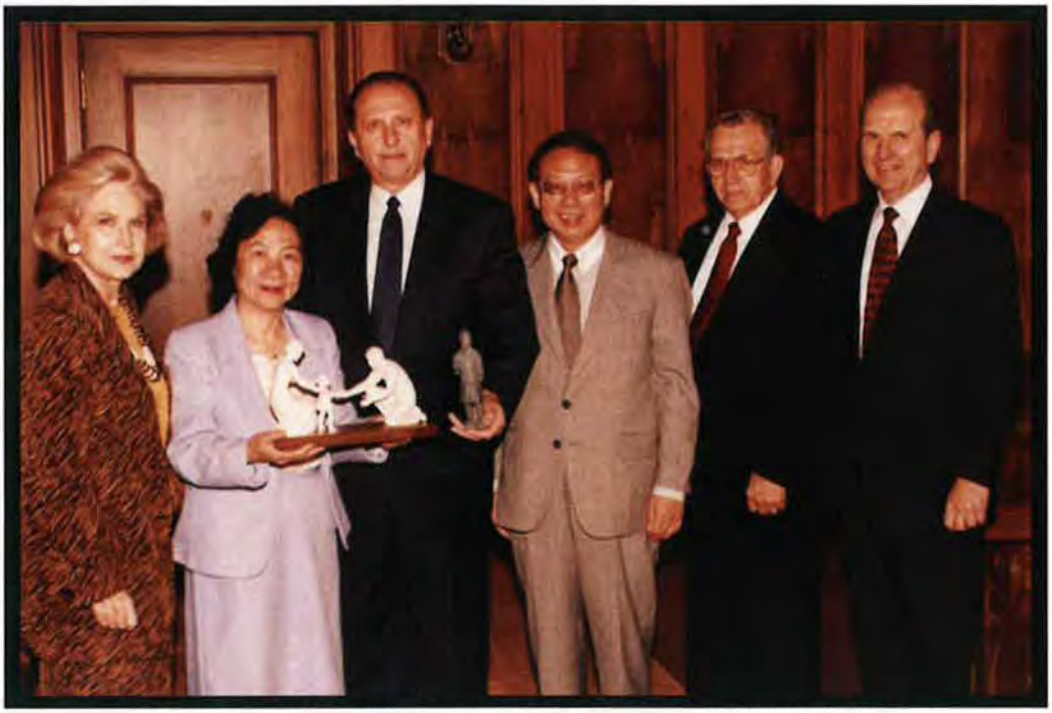
1996 - Casual evening for Ambassador Li Daoyu of China, at home of Dick and Nancy Marriott, Park City, Utah.

Front: Dick and Nancy, Elder and Sister Wirthlin, Ambassador, Beverly, and others not identified.

Back: Jake and Kathleen Garn, Dantzel and Russell Nelson, Stan and Mary Ellen Smoot.

1994 - Michael Ballam, Elder and Sister Neal A. Maxwell, Senator Harry and Landra Reid, Beverly and Pierce at Ambassador's night at Visitor's Center, D.C.

1985 - Vice President George H.W. Bush and Beverly at National Press Club, Washington, D.C.



ca. 1996 - President Monson presenting statue to Chinese diplomats.
Beverly, Wang Hongbao, Pres. Monson, Diplomat, Elders Boyd K. Packer, Russell M. Nelson.

1987 - Beverly and Minister of Religion of Czechoslovakia, Vladimir Janku.

1995 - Ambassador of Poland and Mrs. Kozminski, Beverly and Pierce at Polish embassy.

ca. 1994 - IOA hosted Picnic for Ambassadors.
Front, Dick and Nancy Marriott, Beverly, Elder M. Russell Ballard.
On stagecoach, Ambassador Maher El Sayed of Egypt.

1989 - Beverly with BYU President Rex E. Lee,
while serving on President's Roundtable.

1992 - Metropolitan of Russian Orthodox Church
greets Pierce and Beverly.

1991 - Father Ion of Romania tells Beverly of challenges.

1993 - Beverly, Elder Russell M. Nelson, and Rabbi Arthur Schneier,
in conversation at Appeal of Conscience Dinner, New York.

Ca. 1993 - Ambassadors with Beverly and Elder M. Russell Ballard.

1991 - Pierce and Beverly being welcomed in Warsaw, Poland.

1991

Wherefore, go ye and preach my gospel, whether to the north or to the south
to the east or to the west,
it mattereth not, for ye cannot go amiss.
D&C 80:3

There were so many times during these years that I felt I had a 'cat bird' seat as history was being written by God's hand for His own purposes. One of those times was an incredible evening in the USSR. That country had not yet entirely divested itself of its communist domination or leadership; there was precious little religious freedom.

The night was June 5. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir had concluded a triumphant concert at the Bolshoi Theatre. The invited guests, and many uninvited, had arrived at the dinner Elder Nelson, Elder Oaks, Jon Huntsman and I were hosting at the beautifully restored Metropol Hotel. Gracing the exquisite dining room with its soaring architecture were massive marble columns. The walls and the floors were marble as well. The ceiling was stained glass, and crystal chandeliers glistened.

Because this hotel was on the same street and near the Bolshoi Theatre at the conclusion of the performance there was an enormous rush into the dining room. All about was excitement and noise.

Midway through the meal, midst the din of a hundred conversations in this room of marble, a man of obvious authority swept through the door. He was directed to me, and asked to be taken to our hosts. I sensed that he was on a tight schedule and that he had something important to say, but I did not clearly hear his name.

By his demeanor I wasn't certain that his presence reflected a positive turn. I took him to Elder Nelson where the man announced that he was General Alexander Rutskoy, Vice President of Russia. He had something he wished to say to all those assembled.

Barely waiting until the crowd had been quieted, Elder Nelson introduced him. Rutskoy took the microphone and by his authority of office unrolled and read a proclamation announcing the official recognition of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the entire nation of Russia. Can you imagine our joy?

STATE OF WORLD: On February 25 Warsaw Pact nations vote to dissolve their military alliance and on March 11 Lithuania declares independence from USSR. April 9 Georgia declares its independence from the Soviet Union. May 29. Boris Yeltsin calls for resignation of Mikhael Gorbachev and subsequently becomes President of Russia. June 22 the Berlin Wall dismantled. Sept 5 the Soviet Union formally dissolves, becoming a federation of state. Sept 26 Soviet Parliament votes to end religious suppression. Oct 3 East-West Berlin reunite after 45 years. December 25 Gorbachev formally resigns and the Soviet Union disintegrates, officially becoming the Russian Federation

STATE OF CHURCH: Mormon Tabernacle Choir travels to Eastern Europe to perform in seven countries. This tour begins in Frankfurt, Germany and concludes in Leningrad. On June 4 it performs at Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow and on June 5 a proclamation for recognition of Church in Russia was issued. In October the Church begins missionary work in Ukraine. In December the long awaited Encyclopedia of Mormonism is published.

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: Pierce and I travelled to Warsaw, Budapest, Prague, Moscow and Leningrad in March to identify places and needs regarding the International events surrounding the Mormon Tabernacle Choir tour. May 31st I begin a visit to all of them again in a whirlwind tour to finalize venues and see that all was in place. May 29th we departed for Frankfort to join Elders Nelson and Oaks and to lead the International Affairs efforts in each of those cities. In August Tom and I traveled to Zimbabwe to dedicate the Heather-Kimball Dam in Bvute. November brought a diagnosis of Breast Cancer which rocked our personal world and involved a time of treatment and healing.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Attention was focused on developing relationships with the new Ambassadors and new in-country leaders of Russia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland, along with diplomatic initiatives and dinners in each of those nations to coincide with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir tour. Recognition is sought in Botswana and Malawi. The Chinese Ambassador travels to Utah as guest of Church. Elder Oaks and Ringger visit Albania. Elder Nelson and Oaks lunched with the USSR Ambassador prior to his departure.

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED INITATIVES

MORE TO THE STORY OF RUSSIA, HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND

Let me take you back through the events, which led to the amazing night I write of in the introduction and also acquaint you with the events which followed. As the Tabernacle Choir finalized its historic European tour to take place in the spring of 1991 the Eastern European nations were breaking free of the yoke of Communism. As outlined in last year's account, I spoke with Elder Nelson about ways we could maximize the impact of the tour by using it to acquaint emerging leadership of those Eastern Bloc nations with the Church as a mainline religion, thus affording greater opportunity for official recognition of the Church.

We also wanted these emerging leaders to meet our leadership Church both in-country and out and to afford them the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with key international business leaders who were also strong members of the Church. By December of the last year I had outlined plans, identified venues, solicited hosts to be in each country from among our distinguished LDS community and now it was about execution.

Back to the day following that referenced dinner; a very busy one for Elders Russell M. Nelson, Dallin H. Oaks, and Hans Ringger, whose responsibilities as a member of the European Area Presidency included the USSR, and for Gary L. Browning, president of the mission, which now included Moscow. Late in the day they absented themselves for a brief time.

As we met for dinner I asked if I might inquire what had taken them away. Elder Nelson quietly spoke of an impression that he had, that an apostolic blessing should be pronounced on those who should rule in righteousness inside the Kremlin walls. The country of Russia had already been dedicated for the preaching of the gospel in 1903 by Francis M. Lyman so this was an additional blessing.

They had hurried to the Kremlin but were too late to go inside as the gates had been closed. They went to a majestic pine tree on a hill next to the wall surrounding the Kremlin. That towering tree reached up, over, and cascaded down inside the wall. There, by the power of the Holy Priesthood Elder Nelson pronounced an apostolic blessing on the peoples of that country. As a part of the blessing he was prompted to invoke legions of angels to help those individuals who would rule righteously inside those walls in times of crisis.

It was some two months later that I sat with my son, Tom, through the night in an airport in Nairobi, waiting for a plane that didn't come until morning. Above our head on a lone television we watched a drama play out as the president of that Communist country, Mikhail Gorbachev, was detained and taken from his country house and Boris Yeltsin took over the reins of that government, which was now to be a democracy.

Central to the drama was General Rutskoy as he stood by Yeltsin's side, standing atop a military tank. Watching that incredible moment in history we held our breaths lest Yeltsin and Rutskoy be taken captive or shot. I strained my soul's eyes to see if I could glimpse the protective 'legions of angels' that had been called down by an apostle of the Lord.

Within a short while, history was again being rewritten. Yeltsin was elected President of that newly divided republic's major country now called by its original name, Russia.

However, during that short time of crisis and transition I sensed that many divine contracts had been honored. In a nation long ruled by dictators and tyrants, that bloodless coup was surely made possible by God's Spirit moving among those people, staying hands of power that might have caused an entirely different outcome. Precious agency, so necessary if these beloved children were to fulfill their divine mission, again reigned.

Now back to the highlights of the extensive planning, preparations, site visits and other matters leading to the culmination of these successful events.

Moscow was not the only city where we were hosting these events; receptions and dinners were also to be arranged and hosted in Warsaw Poland, Budapest Hungary, Prague Czechoslovakia, and Leningrad and invitations extended to each nation's leaders.

As previously related, these countries had been behind the Iron Curtain for so long there new leadership would be bereft of and be desperately in need of new United States contacts. To this end and to serve our purposes of acquainting them with us as a church, totally unknown to them and a people with whom they were unfamiliar, it seemed constructive to ask some of our church members, who were CEO's of corporations, or who played major roles in businesses, industry and other professions to attend as church hosts. These events did not fit under any church program so I also asked them to be

financial sponsors so that no costs to the Church would be incurred. This they did gladly. It was an amazing group of our best and brightest. [23]

The most difficult challenge was to identify the new leaders in these various countries, to locate addresses or find ways to get invitations into their hand. We were accustomed to having this information at our fingertips, but at that time behind the Iron Curtain there were no phone books and of course no address lists existed as these leaders were emerging one at a time, and often in clandestine ways. Also the leaders of one week were not that of another as they changed almost weekly.

The Embassies of the nations involved were generous with their time, staffs and limited information. However, in nearly every case the diplomatic personnel was new and avenues of communication in their countries were in chaos. After all this was a brave new world and entire new governments, constitutions, institutions and policies were being put in place. Embassy personnel often weren't sure themselves who the key power players were in their government at any given moment.

Days were spent at embassies working this through. Faxes and calls were placed weekly to those in country who had their ears to the ground. With extraordinary hard work, the utilization of our contacts so carefully cultivated and using the good will that had been generated in-country, not to mention the very apparent hand of the Lord, the essential lists were compiled.

Near the end of this adventure many of the new Ambassadors and even those who had not been replaced were coming to me for my lists of those in power or who had moved into office in these emerging nations. It seems ours were the best set of names, addresses and phone numbers available to them in Washington. An example; during this time I was meeting often with the Ambassadors or Acting Ambassadors of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia as we had been asked to be sure that relations were in place for Church entrance into or official recognition in those countries.

They, in turn, were very interested in who was coming into power in those nations as it would have significant impact on their hope for freedom. They not only updated us regularly with anything they had heard, adding names to the list, but also asked if it were possible for them to have regularly updated lists.

Once 'save the date,' official invitations, letters to Heads of State and other needed materials were developed, approved and translated they were placed in packets and sent to someone we had identified in-country to see that they were delivered as mail and other delivery systems were not to be relied upon.

In a January meeting with the Minister of Cultural Affairs for the Soviet Embassy, Alexander Potemkin he told me he had done some checking and had found that the venue in which the Moscow concert was to be held had been closed for repairs. I spoke of this to Wendell Smoot, Choir President, who assured me they had a written contract for that space and they were not troubled.

However the dialogue of concern from Mr. Potemkin continued and so I asked him to have their in-country Minister of Cultural Affair, who I had hosted at my home and who would be my host when I travelled to country to select a dinner site and put all things in place, to look into it further. He did and was told that indeed the Choir venue had been closed. While in Moscow in March we went to the site and it was indeed closed for repairs and so conveyed this information to Wendell who asked me to look for another site

While at the Bolshoi Theatre in March as a guest of the Minister of Culture I posited that this would an amazing setting for the Choir concert. He carefully explained that it was reserved for the Ballet purposes and could not even consider such an idea.

Explaining our dilemma and adding that it was a governmental mix up that left us without a venue I asked if he would go back and see if there weren't some way around it. I also faxed Ambassador Dubinin and asked if he would put his weight behind our request. The matter was resolved and for the first time a Choir, not associated with the Ballet, performed at that fabled Bolshoi Theater.

While working with key people in these countries I found there weren't many places that could accommodate such formal and elegant dinners as private, public gatherings were seldom allowed during the Communist years. Also food was in short supply as many avenues of trade had been disrupted due to the ongoing 'revolutions' in each of these countries.

When stumped I turned to my diplomatic and business contacts. Annette Lantos said the only place to hold such an event in *Budapest* was the Hunt

Room of their Parliament House. Her husband, Senator Tom Lantos, agreed to use his good offices to obtain the venue and also to personally invite the new President of their country.

Contacts in *Prague* suggested that we wait for my March visit and look at two or three venues as nothing stood out. The same was true in *Warsaw*; however there was a stunning new Marriott Hotel in Warsaw that could accommodate us.

Mrs. Dubinina had suggested that there was the possibility of using the State dining room in a grand building used by Gorbachev in *Moscow*. We decided against this as we did not want to be seen as partners with the old government, which was now being overthrown. As backup we reserved a room at the old Belgrade Hotel and decided to wait until my visit to look further. In *Leningrad* there was a new hotel opening. We booked another but kept our fingers crossed that new Astoria Hotel might open in time.

It was now time for 'boots on the ground.' Final decisions needed to be made, contracts executed and the myriad of details surrounding such event put in place. I also needed to establish ties with current government leaders, extend personal invitations, build new contacts and see how we could involve the missionary couple or members in each city.

Pierce agreed to book his own fare and join me for a visit to each city. This sounds glamorous, however, it was hard, hard work. This was the 'behind the Iron Curtain' of the movies; bleak, cold, unaccommodating, and without order. The plus side was there were wonderful people arranged by the various embassies to help us in our search.

When asked by each host what culture event I would like to experience in their countries I suggested that if it were possible I would like to attend an Opera. Thus, my memory is not of bleakness, cold and hard work, but of an unforgettable night in a grand, historic Opera House in each of these cities where their artists are without parallel.

There was not a moment to spare on the whirlwind tour to these five cities in March. Along with diplomatic contacts I had written each Mission President to meet with them to see how they saw using these events to advance their work, how to include them visibly in each country and how members might best be utilized.

We arrived in Frankfurt on March 12th for a day of meetings with the Area Presidency and others there. The next afternoon we arrived in Budapest. Congressman Lantos had arranged for us to meet with Mr. Gyorgy Szabad, Speaker of the National Assembly the following day.

It was a historic gathering and at our private meeting he offered the full services of his office. The remainder of the time was spent making arrangement to use that glorious space in their magnificent Parliament House and working with our wonderful missionary couple, the Flandro's, who were going to do the hard follow up and involve our members in some way as well.

That night we departed by train for Prague. I think Prague is one of the most architecturally beautiful cities I have seen. Unfortunately, no upkeep of those grand buildings had occurred since Communist rule so it was hard to find a venue for our dinners. We paid a courtesy call on our American Ambassador, Shirley Temple Black, asking for advice and suggestions and issuing a personal invitation to our event. We also encouraged her support in our petition for recognition. These were not matters which interested her but she was genial.

The following day we selected the room used by the Mayor of Prague for his special events and began to identify caterers (of which none as such existed) to provide food for the dinner. In the past this had been done by the government. We found ourselves working with a whole new gaggle of startups. Before agreeing to take our event they demanded money in cash as there were no banks, no credit cards and their money was being devalued by the day.

On the night of the 16th we departed by sleeping car for Warsaw. We discovered that 'sleeping car' meant the hard bench could be pulled out flat. There was nothing else so we placed our suitcases under our heads and our coats over us and did the best we could.

We were picked up by the Marriott car and whisked to the hotel; such luxury after the previous week. There was a moment to luxuriate in a warm tub, don clean clothes and begin meetings with the Mission President and in country members; outstanding and dedicated. We explored plans for the new Chapel dedication and looked at outreach challenges. We then departed for Church and in the day following more meetings and more planning. Our dear friend Andre Pawelczek came from Poznan and joined us at the Opera.

The next day, the 18th, we arrived in Moscow and were escorted by the Deputy Minister of Culture Natalie Myshkova to several sites. Nothing looked useable and I was quite discouraged until the night I emerged from the Bolshoi and spotted the beautiful Metropol Hotel just across the street. I asked why we couldn't consider that. She hesitated as it was a private, not government, owned hotel, but then agreed she would take me there the next day. It was stunning and so convenient for our purposes, but so costly, however after some negotiation it was agreed that we could book it.

We had to rely on Natalie to be our ally as to invitation lists and to see that invitations were delivered properly, and to be our agent as we made changes. She proved to be just that and we were grateful. While in Moscow we stayed at the old Belgrade hotel as we didn't want to be seen as government guests. It was awful, small, and dank, with guards outside at a desk who kept very close tabs on you and held your keys and passports. We were glad to get on the plane to Leningrad.

Our next stop was Leningrad where Mr. Potemkin had arranged for the Deputy Director of the *Hermitage*, Michael Piotrovski, to help us as needed. What a charming man. His first act was to give us a private tour of the museum, including those rooms which held treasures not seen by outsiders since the advent of communist rule. Potemkin had thought this might be a place for our dinner, and it would have been amazing, but there was not enough space.

The Director called the man who had just been appointed manager of the partially opened Astoria Hotel and asked him to come over. We discussed our needs and the Director assured him that he would have the hotel finished in time for the event and assured us that all would be in order.

We also met with Iruii Terebenin, who presided over the Church in Leningrad; such a spiritual and courageous young man. One of the never to be forgotten moments in history was attending the first baptisms in Leningrad and to go to Sunday meeting where brand new members conducted. It was wonderful to see the fruits born by initiatives we and so many had pursued for so long. We ended this journey in Helsinki where we were able to report our findings to the Mission President, Gary Browning and attend Church. Now back to Washington to make all that had been put in place, happen.

There was a need to repeat this trip in late May. Return visas were hard to come by and I had to call in favors from the Ambassadors of each country I was to visit. A rare double entry visa had been issued to the USSR, made possible by the Ambassador. As he said, he kept the visa stamp under his bed. The day of my departure was exceedingly hot, even for DC and as a result the power grid was down in some areas.

This was the case at Dulles and the airport was in chaos. To make it easier while traveling alone in those countries I had purchased a rolling garment bag. The ticket desk said I must fold it completely before going further which required me put my purse on the counter. When I looked up the purse was gone. No one at the desk had seen anything, and the police were no help.

The trip was critical, appointments could not be changed, and I had no passport or visas; thousands of dollars of personal cash was lost (you could only use cash in those countries I was travelling to – no such thing as credit cards) and all other ID and personal items were gone.

I called Pierce to come save me and after a fitful night, spent mostly in prayer, I called Senator Hatch's office to see if they could contact the passport office and ask them to issue a new passport that day (it usually takes weeks). I then had to call all the embassies, explain what had happened and beg for new visas which I must have that day.

I was particularly embarrassed to tell my sad story to the Dubinins but they were generous. Picking up the visas and passports had to be done in person, but at last all was accomplished, I was able to rebook, and though I had to cancel my meeting in Frankfort I was able to keep all other appointments. I arrived in Budapest on the 31st, Prague, June 2nd, Warsaw, the 3rd, Moscow, the 5th and Leningrad, the 8th.

At every venue there was a challenge. What was in place one day wasn't the next. Fair pricing, money and food supplies were hurdles in every country. Because of the years of using only controlled currency they knew nothing about reasonable costs so they told me they had been advised to find what Tokyo or New York charged for dinners and hotels and charge the same. Needless to say these prices were well beyond what would be a fair market, but I worked with them as best I could. With the help of Embassy contacts we were able to find ways to move payment through channels, except in Czeckloslavakia. There I had to carry a large cash down payment and a briefcase full of cash for the final payment.

I love a challenge, so though 20 hour days were grueling the people were helpful and fascinating and I was aware that I was protected by angels, as I was on the Lord's mission. I did let my frustrations get the best of me the day I was leaving Moscow. On my way to the airport transport I was stopped at the front desk by their business manager who presented me with an outrageous bill for my stay; charging $400.00 per night. We had agreed on $150, and allied charges in excess of $2,000.00 were added. Being really tired, feeling used and knowing I must make my flight I became surprisingly aggressive. It did the job and got us back to some fiscal sanity, however as my driver dashed to the airport I pondered what kind of an example I had set.

Of course I missed my flight by minutes. Realizing I would have to spend the next 8 hours in that dreary airport with no place of comfort for my excessively tired body and would have to reschedule my meetings in Leningrad the frustration enveloped me again.

Seated on a hard, straight back chair I pulled out of my briefcase a book of Elder Maxwell's, entitled **Men and Women of Christ** which he had just sent me and began reading. It was as though it had been written just for me at just this time and spoke of love and hope and repentance and faith. Eight hours later I boarded that plane at peace, having had an entire day just to be with God.

Early in our planning we pursued ways to best acquaint our distinguished guests at the dinners with who we are as a religion and as a people. I felt that a beautiful folio presenting this information and in their language was key. Such a piece would allow us to tell the story of our beliefs and of our history in an abbreviated version targeted to the audience and the times. It would also allow us to inform our guests of the history of our Church in their country.

Another plus, it would be something they could take home and review from time to time. This idea was presented to Elder Nelson who approved it. Knowing our time was limited we set about designing and writing these booklets, using the model I had developed for presenting information to the Ambassadors.

We were told by the professionals whose help we needed in researching and writing these histories, finding the statistics for each country and then having them translated into the four major languages of our host countries that it

would not be possible. After discussing this challenge with Clair Johnson she spoke with a gifted friend, Mary Kay Stout, who agreed to take on the task.

Mary Kay Stout left her post in California and spent several weeks in Salt Lake City gathering materials, working with the text, getting the text translated and with the printers. On two occasions Colleen Rickerson from our office went to SLC to oversee the type set up and printing work. I was often on the phone searching for interpreters and calling in favors to get them to drop what they were doing to take this on.

When the Church in house production department said, no, there wasn't time to get this very sophisticated piece of work printed Elder Nelson spoke to them of its importance and it was done. A sample of these booklets and a fuller history of our office's involvement and initiatives in countries involved in that tour can be found in my papers. Mary Kay and her friend Jan Fryer came to Moscow and Leningrad at their own expense to help out as I had no staff at any of these events and dear Coleen in our DC office kept the fax lines burning with updates and information and changes.

The Choir swept through these nations as angels of music and the dinners were a success. As last minute details were put in place we called in fledgling Church member of the church in each city and gave them the opportunity to make suggestions and offer advice. Elder Nelson generously came to these planning meetings thus allowing these members to meet him. What a treat.

I've related the story of the dinner in Moscow. Let me take you to just one more of these dinners that held in **Budapest, Hungary**. There was a preconcert reception for approximately 100 of our distinguished guests at the Opera House where the Choir performed. At its conclusion our guests moved to Hungary's magnificent Parliament House whose foyer is of unparalleled beauty and its majestic curved staircases only to be dreamed of. At the second landing a stringed orchestra played. Guests were then escorted into Hunter Hall, the room reserved for use by those countries' Presidents where another orchestra greeted us. After the toasts the waiters presented each course in an arranged routine, moving in unison to the music and to each table. It was truly a grand show.

The guests represented the best of the new government and the conversation was positive allowing for constructive follow up and facilitation of the church's presence in that country. The Flandro's had worked unceasingly with me and with members in-country to make this event perfect. We knew

how difficult it had been for them and hoped it had opened more doors to them and the Church.

We concluded this historic and successful journey in Leningrad, however, on that very day its name was changed back to **St. Petersburg**. The Concert was exceptional and our dinner for distinguished guests hosted by Elders Nelson and Oaks in the Garden Room of the Astoria Hotel was smaller, as this was not a national capitol, but well attended and lovely.

A day of hard work followed for me as I finalized all details, paid all bills, visited the head of the Hermitage, who had been such a help and many other things. Of course the Brethren, Area Presidency and Mission President were working hard to secure all necessary for the work of the Church to move forward in that great city. That night many in our party boarded a dinner boat traversing the Neva River to enjoy the fabled White Nights. As much as I wanted to I simply could not muster the strength, I was just too tired. Piece joined the group with Mary Kay and Jan.

The following morning I received a call from the front desk telling me there was someone in the lobby asking for the missionaries; would I speak to them. At this time citizens of the USSR were not allowed to come into hotels and so we had to be cautious. Promoted by the spirit I went down.

It was a young woman studying at the university who had just happened to stop in at the Choir concert. She was so touched by the spirit she felt that she approached a Choir member to learn more and was given my hotel. I spoke with her about her interest in religion and goals in life. When I felt assured she wasn't a 'plant' I called the missionaries who were in from Finland that day to teach her. In time a note reached me saying she was awaiting baptism. Some years later, while at the Nauvoo Temple dedication I heard my name being called in a most excited manner. It was this young woman. She had been baptized, married and was very active in the Church. There are so many other stories like this I could tell.

One not to be forgotten vignette occurred at the Saint Petersburg airport. Not having had one moment for quiet time and wishing to take some memento home Pierce and I had dashed out on the streets by our hotel an hour before departure to find a souvenir. We went into a State owned store and saw hand woven rugs. We loved the vibrant and very nontraditional orange and purple colors in one from Kazakhstan.

When we went to pay, with just minutes to spare, we found they didn't take anything but USSR money and we didn't have enough. Pierce rushed out onto the street and began trying to trade US dollars for Russian ruble. This was not wise as he was soon surrounded by really tough looking men. When he felt he had enough he broke through the crowd, we paid for the rug, jumped into our waiting cab and he, driving without caution, made it with seconds to spare.

As we hurried with our bags to the counter we saw everything piled up and the worker said something which sounded like the planes weren't leaving. Standing to our side was this handsome man, in Lufthansa flight uniform, Dieter Uchdorf. He and Harriett had joined our host group in Warsaw, Moscow and Leningrad. He was a Church authority in Germany and professionally was Chief Pilot and Senior Vice President of Lufthansa. It was their plane he was piloting to take the Choir out of Russia.

Brother Uchdorf exchanged a few powerful words with those behind the counter and appearing to not like what he heard, without hesitation, leaped the counter, began pulling bags onto the carts and dispatching orders. He told those of our group that had not boarded to move quickly to the plane for an immediate takeoff.

Within what seemed like minutes the bags were in the cargo hold, he was in his seat in the cockpit, the engines were revving and he was on the speaker saying to prepare for an immediate take off. We could hear the radio crackling with barked orders in Russian. It seems the authorities had denied us the right to depart. He said in English, "Don't worry, we'll be out of their airspace in three minutes," and we were. It's hard to say how long we would have been detained or what "bounty" would have been put on our heads had he not taken this decisive action.

I thought, "Here is a man for our mountains." It was not surprising to learn he had been called as a Seventy just three years later. In 2004 he was called as an Apostle and in 2008 as Second Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church under Thomas S. Monson.

It was interesting to see the change in that nation during that historic three months. During our first visit in March there was a frightening sense of a police state, it was dark and lifeless and the people seemed without animation, but as a visitor you knew what to do and what to expect.

My visit in May found people uncertain but hopeful, however, having never participated in a free market it was every man for himself. The vendors, hotels, cabbies and free lancers were testing the new freedoms and were 'scalping' service at extremely high prices. The air was filled with hope, but apprehension.

Now, just a few short weeks later it was like I would imagine the 'wild west of the 1800's.' There was no order. Cabbies were getting their knee caps broken if they didn't do, go, charge and turn over their money to the thugs who had taken over. Thieves and muggings and purse snatchings were rampant. The entire water supply for the Choir, so necessary for their voices, had been stolen from the belly of the plane that had brought it in.

Tickets to the Concert in Moscow had been stolen and in order to get enough for our guests Pierce and I had to buy them back from the black market at three to four times their face value. The process of emerging from decades of repression to find ones footing in a world of freedom they neither know nor understand is not always pretty.

It is important to note John Huntsman's contribution. He served as a major sponsor and co-host at the dinner in Moscow and continued the cycle of assistance, which the Church had begun after the presentation of the $120,000 check to Ambassador Dubinin at the time of the Armenian earthquake.

When Mrs. Dubinina asked for help in building earthquake hospitals and buildings Elder Nelson suggested that he might find private individuals who could help. He spoke to Jon Huntsman about such a project, an effort which Jon and his people diligently pursued and accomplished. Missionaries were called to assist in-country with the day to day oversight and together important quake proof buildings were erected. The day of the dinner in Moscow Jon took Elder Nelson and Oaks, the Ambassador and Mrs. Dubinin by private plane to Armenia to show the results of his labors, which were considerable.

It is also important to speak of the work of my staff. This was an enormous undertaking and they were unflagging in their dedication and just plain hard work, responding to every need and request.

CHINA'S AMBASSADOR TO UTAH

The trip of the **China's** Ambassador, Zhu Qizhen and his wife, Madam Wang to Utah was of major importance. Contact at all levels of the Embassy was ongoing, as was our continuing negotiations regarding the Ambassador accepting our invitation to visit. Eventually the details were worked through and the invitation was accepted to be in Salt Lake City in October.

An ever generous Don Stahlei, CEO of Continental Grain, one of our country's largest privately held corporations, provided his private jet for transportation. As the Ambassador had expressed a desire to see Zion's Park we landed in that area first. They loved the three hour tour and would have enjoyed a much longer stay, but we were scheduled to be met by hosts to attend the Ballet West performance of Anna Karenina, with a featured dancer from China. A small dinner followed.

Sunday we were hosted at the Tabernacle Choir Broadcast by Elder and Sister Maxwell. It is the usual format of that event for the honored guest to come forward at the end of the broadcast to receive recognition and be serenaded with a special hymn. When I advised of this, the Ambassador said he would prefer not to step forward.

Alone, Elder Maxwell went to the stand to acknowledge his presence and thank him for honoring the Church with such a visit. As Elder Maxwell turned from the podium, much to his surprise, there was the Ambassador just a few steps away. He had changed his mind. After introductions and a gracious acknowledgement and thank-you by the honored guest, the choir began to sing their final song, dedicated to him. The audience was invited to join in.

Much to the surprise of everyone, the Ambassador sang the song with the choir and congregation. How he knew that hymn was a bit of a mystery as he had previously indicated no knowledge of Christianity, other than intellectual, and had not expressed any familiarity with choir music, though we had discussed the Choir on several occasions.

Elder Maxwell was his host on a tour of the Temple grounds where the Ambassador asked many questions. In about 45 minutes Elder Maxwell said he was sure they had heard all they wished to and bid them a warm good-bye.

A luncheon followed on the 26th floor of the Church Office Building where all could enjoy the view of the city and Temple Square. As the ambassador was

escorted into the banquet room, a dear sister who was acting as a hostess approached with a scrapbook opened to a photograph of a group of university students, taken in China. Pointing to a man in the photo, she said to the Ambassador, "This is my cousin's husband, do you know him?" With over a billion people in that country, what do think the likelihood would be?

The ambassador graciously took the book from her hand and examined the photo. Within seconds his face was abeam with recognition. "Why, yes," he said, "that is the head of the university I attended. I valued that man."

Details were then revealed. It was a Christian university. The hostess's relative had played a key role in keeping the school open and in making learning available to those who might, otherwise, not have been able to get a higher education. As a young man, the ambassador had felt it a privilege to go there and had been in a choir that had sung the very hymn chosen by the Tabernacle Choir for this occasion.

This was important new information. He knew something of the language of Christianity which made it easier for us to communicate the work of the Church and our interest in being of help in China. He represented the non-theistic interests of his country well, but he also understood our minds and hearts and points of reference. Wherever possible he has since been an advocate and friend for the Church. Is all of that a coincidence? I think not.

Monday was spent at Brigham Young University where he lunched with the Provost, Bruce Hafen and other University officials, presented at Lecture at the Kennedy Center. That night we dined with Governor Bangerter at the Governor's Mansion with Elders Maxwell, Faust and Nelson, their wives and other dignitaries. The Ambassador appreciated this very much. He had been concerned that his visit not be seen as a visit solely to a religion and these events were important, particularly the one with the Governor.

However he counted as the highlight, the following day's meeting, with the entire First Presidency of the Church followed by a reception and luncheon at the Lion House, where he was greeted by many of the Twelve. And yet, perhaps he did not comprehend there was no higher honor that could be accorded to him by our Church.

On his return, the Ambassador copied me his letter to BYU President Rex Lee. In it he commented that the University had made great contributions to educational and cultural relationships between peoples and expressed the

friendship he felt with Elders Maxwell and Oaks. He was most impressed by his time with the First Presidency and the reception held in his honor.

In follow up meetings with the Ambassador, as requested by Elder Maxwell, I proposed that he and I work together to arrange a trip of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to China. I also spoke of the possibility of service missionaries coming into the country. He informed me that young missionaries would not be able to come into the country in the foreseeable future, but suggested that older missionary couples would be welcomed if they didn't proselyte, but helped out in service areas.

I continued to seek his advice as we probed ways to best advance the church's cause in-country. One day he called me to his office and pointedly asked how the church was advising Chinese students who had joined the church and returned to country. I told him that our policy as a church was that our members were to honor and obey the laws of the country in which they resided. He seemed to feel comfortable with that.

Another part of our ongoing dialogue was the desire, to have our Apostles visit his country, as 'Apostles.' After long discussions on this subject the Ambassador quietly told me that it would not be possible just now, but that perhaps Pierce and I should travel to China to establish a precedent. We began to consider it seriously.

This distinguished Ambassador and his wife became friends of the church in-country as well as personal friends. They returned to China the end of that year where he became an important member of the People's Standing Committee, and, as appropriate to his position, he continued to provide useful and accurate information to those who inquire about our Church and its people.

WORKING WITH BOTSWANA, MALAWI AND UGANDA

The Church's desire for recognition and the permission to move quickly in the **African countries** where there were so many seeking the Gospel became heightened.

Botswana was one of those countries I was asked if I could open doors there. With no real ties I invited their Ambassador Sebele to be an honored guest at the February DC/ BYU Management Society Dinner. He changed a previous commitment in order to attend. Marcus Faust hosted and entertained him.

This led to a meeting in early March with Elder James E. Faust, who had first contact responsibility for Africa at that time. Marcus and I joined him at the Embassy to discuss the registration and the church.

Ambassador Sebele had read about polygamy and was concerned. After learning that polygamy was no longer practiced he informed us that he didn't see any problems with registration. I followed up this meeting with a letter asking him to please follow-up on our requests.[24] This was just the beginning of a long process of providing materials, answering questions and keeping the process moving, but it was a positive beginning.

I was asked to open doors to **Malawi** a bit wider and so arranged for Elder Nelson and Oaks to meet with Ambassador Robert B. Mbaya on May 24th to discuss registration. Without registration we could not send missionaries in and it was time for the work to move forward in that nation. The Ambassador turned it over to staff to look into. Follow up meetings ensued and the Ambassador asked me to provide him with a completed Application to Register the Church in-country and additional information about the Church.

To further acquaint them with our method of worship and allay his fears that we were too far out of the 'mainstream,' I asked Marcus Faust and his wife to take the Ambassador and his wife, Ms. Ivy Tembo and Mr. Magalasi to a sacrament meeting, however in July the Ambassador advised that the church should not pursue the matter at that time as in-country leaders were not sympathetic.

The wife of the President of **Uganda** had by now become a friend. While she was in Washington I arranged a dinner in her honor at the home of William and Carolyn Ingersoll. Invited guests included key business and community leaders of the church, Ambassador and Mrs. Katenta-Apuli, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Katana, the Deputy Chief of Mission. The dinner was a resounding success. The First Lady commented that she had never spent a more delightful evening and would be our friend and advocate in-country.

KEEPING OUR MISSIONARIES IN ZIMBABWE

Along with initiative to keep missionaries in the country of **Zimbabwe**, the work on our own Heather Foundation continued. In August my son Tom and I returned to that country to dedicate a dam built in her honor. During that visit Tom and I met with many key leaders in country, including Mrs. Sally

Mugabe, wife of the President and President of the Child Survival Fund. We were hosted to a luncheon and a long afternoon discussion at their private residence she called the White House.

Mrs. Mugabe advanced some projects the church might be willing to support. It was heart wrenching to hear her describe the need for simple, clean fabrics at rural health clinics as women often had to walk the many miles back to their homes naked because they had nothing to wrap their bodies in after the birth of a baby, nor did they have anything to wrap their new baby in.

She also told of the need for fabrics and sewing machines as children lucky enough to go to school could only do so if they had uniforms and this would help the women set up uniform making projects which might provide a bit of money as well. Both of these enterprises were followed up, either through our foundation, the churches, or sometime in combination with both.

We also met with Chung, Minister of Education; Timothy Jstamps, Minister of Health; Mr. Ncomo, Minister of Trade; JD Hungwe, Governor of Masvingo Province; SD Hungwe, VP of National Farmers' Union; and Bvute-Carigomomba.

During this year, several sea cartons of hardback textbooks were shipped by the church to this country continuing the work started by our Heather Foundation. As outlined previously, before the books could be shipped each carton had to be opened and each book stamped 'NOT FOR RESALE' as per our agreement with the consortium of major publishers who had donated them through Max Celnik.

We arranged for the use of our Ward's Cultural Hall and for volunteers to assist with this. Spearheaded by Pierce and Marc this was accomplished and they were all loaded into the sea cartons and shipped to the Mission President in-country to accept the books.

I had worked with the embassy to facilitate this and to assure there were no added fees to be paid by the church. Such shipment of goods were often held hostage by those governments and would only be released with heavy ransom. As the books could not go to government agencies our missionaries were able to deliver them to outlying village, schools and humanitarian groups, thus making positive contact with many charity groups and individuals of worth.

The Church found these books a useful and much needed part of their overall Humanitarian effort in so many of these emerging countries. As more and more requests came in we were able to arrange with Mr. Celnik that all future requests for books would come through the humanitarian arm of the Church. At this writing millions of books have been shipped, which have served to open doors and bless people's lives across the world.

SETTING A MEETING IN TIRANA, ALBANIA

Elder Nelson called to say that he was impressed that I should begin setting up a meeting in Tirana, **Albania** for a member of the Europe Area Presidency and whomever of the Brethren who might accompany him. Thus began another great dance; more endurance than diplomatic. They had no presence in Washington as their government was not recognized by ours. After many contacts with their UN embassy in New York I was given the name of a man I might contact in-country.

The man whose name I was given in-country took my calls outside from a telephone, attached to a pole. I know this because he told me to let the phone ring as long as possible as it often took a bit of time to hear it and reach it. Evidently there was another phone inside but it was kept on reserve for 'important' calls.

He advised that eight o'clock (their time) in the morning was the best time to reach him. He also advised me he had little paper on which to note my requests and since things were in such a state of flux he wasn't sure what procedure would allow.

Because of the time difference and difficulty getting him to hear and answer I was often on the phone for long hours at three or four in the morning from my bed at home. At times like this one is grateful for an understanding and tolerant husband. An entry in my Day Planner on April 18th: "Four a.m. call to Tirana - answered after many tries. Visit set."

After intensive pressuring and some time waiting for 20 or 30 minutes, while my phone contact left 'the pole' to go inside to talk with his bosses, at last an agreement for such a visit was finalized. I received an official letter in my office from their New York mission almost immediately advising that our leaders would be received in Albania on April 24 and 25th.

Already in Frankfurt, Germany I advised Elder Oaks and Ringger that the visit had been secured, but no visas would be issued. Elder Ringger said he could get visas and they began making plans. The day before departure from Frankfurt Elder Oaks called to say they had not been able to get visas after all. Please fix. I called the Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Miloj, who was head of their diplomatic mission at the United Nations and who I had been working with. He said he could send a telegram to their people in Tirana but said that was all he could do.

There followed another long night of phone calls to Albania trying to reach someone – anyone – in that elusive country who could address this situation. Those who answered the long ringing phone either didn't speak English or didn't want to help. Finally at three in the morning, my time, I identified a Mrs. Silagus who could handle this. She was in another building. I said I would hold. Some forty minutes later they tracked her down. She knew of the letter and wire and promised that a visa would be waiting for them when they got to Tirana. Elder Oaks was very pleased.

Now, how to get to Tirana? No planes flew to Tirana from Frankfurt. They found they would need to fly to Rome, which they did. When they changed planes and tried to board they were denied as they had no visas. Finally they found a flight they could get on, but when they arrived in Tirana they were not allowed off the plane as officials said their names were not on the list for entry without a visa.

Elder Oaks related that just prior to that plane taking off from Tirana Elder Ringger stepped out, onto the plane stairs, and shouted out my name. There, out of the crowd, came my dear little man, with my name scribbled on a rumpled bit of newsprint and a number which allowed them into the country.

Many, many prayers had been answered and many people put in place just as the Lord had promised.

TRINIDAD, TOBAGO, THAILAND AND SPAIN

There continued to be much negativity towards the Church in many of the Caribbean islands, particularly in the press and on the radio. This had significantly impacted their government leader's willingness to allow or keep missionaries in those island nations. Of particular concern was **Trinidad Tobago**. I was asked to try to a diplomatic approach.

To this end I made an effort to make an appointment to meet the Ambassador of the country, but could not be achieved without Ambassador Gregory Newell's help. I told the Ambassador of our concerns and he expressed the feeling held by his government that we were a cult.

I suggested he might enjoy meeting some of our prominent members at a private dinner in my home. This was arranged and we were joined by Elder Russell M. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. JW Marriott, Ambassador and Mrs. Newell and other prominent LDS business leaders. Following the dinner, Elder Ballard invited the Ambassador and his wife to be guests of the Church in Salt Lake City.

An agenda and hosting program was developed, however in September, the Ambassador sent a letter of regrets, stating that because of personal family issues he needed to be back in-country. While there, he did some investigating and told me on his return that that there was too much misinformation at the highest levels for him to do anything further at this time. He was subsequently recalled and before his departure I spoke with Mrs. Khan who said she would see that I met the new Ambassador as soon as he arrived. A similar scenario was played out with **Jamaica.**

Finding that misinformation, lack of information, or no information, and no known contact with anyone who was a member of the Church, was typical. As I approached Ambassadors and nations I began pondering what program or event we might develop that would provide a useful and non-threating way for Ambassadors and members of the diplomatic community to get acquainted with us and allow us to get acquainted with them. At a board meeting of our International Affairs Group I raised this question and asked they come back with some suggestions, which they did.

I had long felt that if we were to be good international citizens we had to be proactive in small ways in expressing our concerns to embassies, on issues which impacted a particular diplomatic community.

Just one example: There was a senseless killing of a Buddhist Monk in Arizona. I drafted a letter of condolence and support and sent it to the First Presidency suggesting they might wish to sign it. I would then hand-deliver it to the new Ambassador of **Thailand,** Kasemri, with another letter for him to send on to Queen Siriket.

They did and I did and though relations with this country had been very 'mixed' because of a decades old incident of our missionaries climbing on a Buddha in-country, this letter was not forgotten and that Ambassador was accessible thereafter.

There were so many problems with Visa freeze outs in **Spain**, which I write of in other years, that they became routine. I note cryptically in my day planner in huge letters. "Spain, Visa problem solved!" Mr. Jorge Fuentes, DCM, always went the extra mile and our invitation to the Ambassador for a visit to Salt Lake City was retendered this year.

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO DEVOTE FULL TIME TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Previously changes had been made which allowed me to focus more time on this International work while still overseeing Public Affairs work. At this juncture the work of International Affairs had expanded to such an extent that it was proving impossible to wear both hats. Therefore I asked for another refinement in this office, which would allow me to hand over my duties in the public affairs arena to someone else that I might devote my full time to International Affair.

This was agreed upon by Elder Faust with the caveat that I continue contact with the major national and international media in New York and DC, which I agreed to do. Myrna Wahlquist who had been my assistant in this area was appointed to take over until a search could be completed for a permanent Public Affairs Director in our office.

BOARDS, EVENTS, SPEECHES

My work with outreach to other religions continued. I received a call advising that the official retreat for the President of the United States, **Camp David** in the state of Maryland, had no place where the President could worship while in residence. With the help of a group of religious/business leaders a plan had been devised to raise funds to build a chapel.

Generally our church was excluded from participation with such groups as we were considered too out of the mainstream, but because of my work on ecumenical councils, one of the members, who chaired this endeavor, thought to include us. It was to be a small and very personal chapel and they felt if most religious groups gave $25,000 each, they would have enough, as there already was a major benefactor; would we be willing to help?

This request was sent to Elder Ballard whose assignments at that time included International and Special Affairs activities in DC and New York. After a time, agreement was reached and I was able to deliver our check. When the chapel was completed we were invited to attend. It was a lovely spring morning in April when Pierce and I picked Elder Ballard up at his hotel and drove to Camp David to attend the dedication.

The chapel was small and the group large so we were allowed only two tickets. Pierce insisted I be present and happily spent the day watching the event on television with the other chauffeurs in the service quarters. He is such an amazing, supportive husband and man. President George W. Bush was touched by all efforts and particularly expressed this feeling in his speech.

Our **International Affairs Women's Committee,** made up of some of the most outstanding women in the greater Washington area was now firmly established. I had asked that they design and develop an event where Ambassadors and their families could enjoy a day together as we are a family church and diplomats are too often taken from their families.

Their idea; offer them a true 'Western' experience where all could dress in 'Western attire' and just relax and enjoy this side of America with which they were so intrigued. Thus the **Western Family Picnic at the Marriott Farm** in Hume, Virginia, was inaugurated. Spearheaded by Eleanor Colton and Joy Korologos and assisted by other committee members and my most competent staff all was set in motion.

I carefully selected those countries we were reaching out to or who were on our 'future' list to be invited. Invitations were designed and favors selected which would remind guests of our churches culture or historical journey were found. The committee carefully designed booths and displays reflective of our culture and our faith. There were stage coach rides, gun displays, square dancing and so much more. More than 30 Ambassadors, Deputy Ambassadors and their families attended this inaugural event. It was deemed by them a grand success and it was agreed that we would make it an annual event which continues to this day. (2013 as I complete this.)

At my request, the Women's International Committee also launched the first luncheon for the wives of Deputy Ambassadors; important because many of these Deputy Ambassadors were career civil servants who generally go on to larger assignments in other countries, yet they were often ignored.

At this first luncheon, Deputy Ambassador (DCM) wives attended from China, Germany, Madagascar, Malaysia, Poland, Romania, Thailand, Uganda, and Yugoslavia. (Note: we did not invite those countries where we were well established – the focus of our office was to open doors to countries where the church was not yet recognized or where there were problems that needed to be addressed at this national level).

Each year we sought to make the **Festival Of Lights** more significant for the Diplomatic Community. We thought it would have much more cache if an Ambassador were to join our distinguished Church guest in turning on the lights and have him deliver a message.

Because Spain was critical we worked diligently with DCM Fuentes to have Ambassador Jaime de Ojeda of Spain join Elder Russell Ballard in turning on the lights, which he finally agreed to. They were introduced by Bill Marriott after which they both delivered eloquent talks. Ariel Bybee of the Metropolitan Opera sang. There were thirteen Ambassadors in attendance including China and the new Russian Ambassador. As closely as could be counted there were about 70 other embassy personal and an unprecedented press presence.

From the inception of this work I had felt it important to use the Visitor's Center to host foreign dignitaries and other groups as it provided a glorious setting from which the story of our religion, our beliefs and us as a people could unfold. As I arranged for lunches and meeting I was careful to arrange seating so that all guests had either a view of our magnificent Temple or the powerful Christus statue. This powerful symbol of our Lord and Savior was very important as our 'Christianity' and belief in Christ was questioned by most outside groups. Materials and films were available as appropriate and following each event I walked the Temple grounds with those who wished.

Aside from these larger events I personally took many Ambassador and/or their wives and families to the Center as an introduction to who we were as a people. They often expressed an intense desire to step inside the Temple and so I spoke with the Temple President as to what was possible. He agreed that if we were to come into the Reception area he, or one of the Temple Presidency, would come to that area and welcome them and answer questions. This occurred on several occasions with positive response.

I don't remember even one of these personal tours where admiration, awe and respect were not expressed. As we walked and talked of our beliefs and

the work done in the Temple, so many said they knew these principles were correct. When the Chinese, Russian and other Eastern Bloc Ambassadors spoke of our Temple 'closed door policy,' I told there was a way they could go into the Temple and participate fully; all they would need to do was be baptized and adhere to the tenets of our Church. This comment was always greeted with a smile and put a positive end to that discussion

Without exception the Visitors Center Directors did all that was possible to accommodate us in the most positive way and the young sister missionaries were gracious and knowledgeable.

After hosting one such event a church guest sent me a copy of the Dedicatory Prayer of the Visitors Center offered by President Spencer W. Kimball with the following yellow lined: "Our Father, we pray that many people will come from many lands to see this building and those associated with it. We ask Thee that Thou will touch the hearts of the rulers of nations, that they may feel disposed to open the gates and doors of their nations to let their honest people hear the message of truth and salvation." This Visitor's Center was indeed serving this purpose.

The **DC/BYU Management Society Dinner** continued as an important venue for introducing our people and our leaders to key Ambassadors we were actively seeking out or working with. This was bearing fruit and at our March 9th event were the Ambassadors of Botswana, Egypt, Western Samoa, Zimbabwe. Additional countries represented were Czechoslovakia, Malaysia, Poland, Romania, Spain, Thailand and the USSR.

I was asked to speak to many Regional, Tri Regional, Stake Relief Society and others groups but the year was so busy that I recorded them only in passing. My work on the VISN, RIAL, NCAAD Boards continued.

TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

This was another year when it was impossible to separate personal and church related time as they overlapped so much. I have related Pierce and my travels through the Eastern European countries with all their never to be forgotten moments. I have also written of my wonderful trip to Zimbabwe with Tom in September for the dedication of our Heather/Kimball Bvute dam.

Could there be anything more singular than to share this experience with a beloved son. It was a personal visit and personally financed but as noted there were many meetings designed to advance the cause of the Church in-country.

Let me share a couple of precious private moments. The dedication of the Heather/Kimball Dam at Bvute was awe inspiring. Where there had been only desert now there were sixty or more plots, assigned by the village chief to families, green with sprouting crops. The area around the Dam had now become their gathering place. Night and morning families went to carry water in buckets from the Dam to tend their piece of 'paradise' as they called it.

The women gathered there to do their washing, the cattle were able to drink from the water. It had given them all a new life. Pierce, too ill to come, had written a tribute for Tom to deliver, which he did masterfully. A wonderful dinner from their meager food supplies followed along with a chorus of children singing in tribute to that water which is giving them life, in their haunting harmony.

The days following we were entertained at their 'White House' by Sally Mugabe, wife of the President, had meetings with many ministries, attended church and met with church leaders. We then went on our own journey to Victoria Falls. I love traveling across that great Veldt, the empty vastness is somehow healing and to come across zebras, rhinos, impalas, giraffes, elephants and all other form of animal life and fowls, whether on the plains or gathered at watering holes at sunset, left us in awe.

Victoria Falls is one of the great treats of nature. I remember one afternoon after a trek through the rain forest, just sitting with earphones, listening to wonderful music, involved totally in the spray and the power and the peace of the Falls and on occasion glancing over to see Tom in meditative silence. We were both overcome with the sense of the greatness and goodness of God. We were scheduled to take a small plane out but there was some glitch and so we called our government contact and asked if we could get tickets to ride on the train to Bulawayo (non-citizens weren't allowed on the train).

We were advised their trains weren't all that safe for whites but if we would agree to stay in our compartment they would get us a ticket. That ride through that vast country from sunset to sunrise was unforgettable. We were

picked up by church missionaries and able to attend a church service with them and meet many of the members, but before long it was time to depart.

When we arrived in Kenya we found we had time to do a bit of exploring. Tom booked a cab to take us to the Safari Park which is near the airport. I thought it wouldn't be much but it was amazing. We saw prides of lions, herds of elephants, and every other form of wildlife imaginable.

Tom, being ever adventuresome, suggested we dine at a restaurant known around the world for serving the meat of many kinds of wildlife; a not to be forgotten experience. Returning to the airport for our late flight we found it had been cancelled and I have related how we watched the amazing change of power in Russia play out on the lone television overhead.

On return it was important to immerse myself in the International Activities, as there was so much on my plate. I did take time out to keep my appointment with my Doctor for a routine physical and mammogram. All seemed well, but mid-October Dr. Oscar Mann called advising that the mammogram needed to be repeated as it seemed there was something lurking in the shadows.

That 'something' was biopsied at George Washington Hospital and found to be malignant. In those years, breast cancer was more frightening than it is now. Much less was known about it by physicians and there wasn't an Internet or much published information available to the lay person. Pierce and I stopped at a book store on our way home after the diagnosis to see what was available that we might learn what we could. Books of that era did not allay our fears, much.

I had come to know Dr. Charles Smart and his lovely wife Dortha when he was doing ground breaking work on cancer research at NIH so I called and asked if he could recommend a physician. He arranged for me to be seen by Dr. William Feller at Georgetown. They suggested immediate surgery even though it was early stage. Surgery was performed on November 21st, which included a rather large 'wedge' lumpectomy with lymph node dissection on the left side.

After surgery radiation therapy was needed. It was a difficult few months as my body sought healing and worked its way back to stability. Dear friends rallied around. Apostles called, Ambassadors sent flowers, and family was

ever present. Dear Mary and Sid Foulger came laden with vitamins and supplements and caring advice as did so many others.

On December 12th I began my first series of radiation treatments. Jim Fletcher had been diagnosed with cancer earlier but had told few people. Now he too needed radiation. It was decided that we would schedule our treatments at the same time and so with Fay acting as chauffeur we laughed and talked our way through the first week of daily treatments.

However, by week's end a nurse arrived to advise Fay that he had been taken directly to a room; the cancer had spread to both his lungs and his brain. Every morning Pierce went to his room and read to him from his favorite newspapers. I would go after my treatments to take Fay to lunch. It was just 10 days later that he passed away. To this day I miss these beloved and generous friends.

That was the first time in many years when we didn't have our traditional Christmas Party. We felt blessed, absolutely hopeful and knew healing would be reached. I stayed out of the office for about three week, then went back for a shortened work week and by January 2nd was back full time, just slipping out late in the afternoon, four days a week until my 30 radiation treatments were completed.

Another event, important to me, was the Publication of the *Encyclopedia of Mormonism* which included my section on Mother Eve. It had been a journey of line upon line and precept upon precept. I was so glad it was now in print. The precepts, as presented, are accepted now but seemed a bit leading-edge at the time.

The heavens continued to send us messages from Heather. At April Conference Janet Lee took me aside and told me that she had had a dream about Heather but had been concerned to tell me about it least it make me too sad. I told her that I prayed for any message from this beloved daughter and it would bring me only joy and requested that she write it that I might have it to refer to in times of sadness. She did so and I include the text here as a promise that our loved ones are known to us and we to them even when they have crossed through the veil. It reads in part:

"Several months ago, in the early morning ho31-132urs just before awakening, I had a dream that seemed too real to ignore. The details were more vivid than most dreams, and when I awoke I had a difficult time convincing myself that I had been asleep....The time and season were evasive, unwilling to be identified. I knew I was on familiar ground, yet I cannot now

name the place. My impression was that we were submerged in an atmosphere of learning, but there were no school walls to keep us inside. Instead of being surrounded by books, thoughts and truths permeated our intellects and were available at our bidding; the openness of our minds being the only restriction.

I soon became aware that there was much to do and that I needed to move on. I began walking in the direction of a grassy hill when I saw her. There was no doubt in my mind. I knew immediately that it was Heather. It was obvious that she knew where she was going and how to get there.

Afraid that she would not remember me, I watched her for several seconds before speaking. Then, before she could get too far away, I called her name. Recognizing me, she turned, smiling. She was so incredibly lovely! Still her youthful self, she possessed a mature quality that was hard to identify. There was a gentleness about her that was as visible as her physical characteristics. It was as easy to feel the beauty of her spirit as it was to see the loveliness of her being.

Against the deep blue sky she created a stunning silhouette in the white clothing that adorned her exquisite form. Her beautiful face was illuminated with the essence of joy. Her dark hair danced in the friendly wind. Her liquid eyes sparkled in the shimmer of her surroundings. The look was definitely familiar; as though she had just thought of something mischievous to do or remembered a humorous moment. Then, as her eyes met mine, I saw a new depth there that was insightful and incredibly sensitive. Although visibly young, she looked at me with the empathy of an understanding mother. Without having said a word, I was aware that she knew me much better than she had on earth.

By this time, she was standing very close to me, and I could tell she had a message that was very important. Her beautifully formed lips turned up at the corners as she began to speak. Again the grin was familiar, but had matured. Its promptings had been born of compassion and love. Will you take a message to my mother for me?' she asked. I nodded that I would, and she continued, 'Please tell her how happy I am, and that I love my classes. I am learning so much. She then brushed her hair from her face with her beautiful hands, turned and continued up the hill.

She spoke only those few words, but in that setting I could understand so much more than the mere words she spoke. I knew she loved her Heavenly Father and was busily engaged in preparing herself to continue serving Him. As I watched her leave, I was left with another overwhelming emotion. For a few seconds I could feel what she was feeling. It was the strongest feeling of love that a daughter could feel for her mother; stronger than anything we can comprehend on this earth.

I knew in that moment that her love for you had reached perfection. I felt an outpouring of love and compassion for you and Pierce, and for her brothers. Heather mentioned that she was happy and I knew in my heart that the happiness she was feeling was incomprehensible to mere mortals. I could feel her joy and I wanted to stay and bask in the light of her spirit, but I awoke to the familiar routine of a new day."

With this glorious affirmation and description of Heather and her happiness, I could somehow 'soldier on' without her physical presence here on earth.

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The truth of God will go forth boldly, nobly, and independently,
till it has penetrated every continent, visited every clime, swept every country, and
sounded in every ear, till the purposes of God shall be accomplished,
and the Great Jehovah shall say the work is done.
Joseph Smith

Ulaanbaatar always had a mysterious wildness in my mind. Some years ago I thought that when I heard missionaries were being sent to Mongolia the work would be nigh done. In spring of this year I was asked if we could find our way through the diplomatic maze that invitations, which had been extended to BYU for teachers to come to that country, might be accepted. This was a newly freed nation with no embassy.

The Ambassador had just days before arrived in Washington, D.C. but no one seemed to know where he was. My remarkable staff found him and set a meeting for me at his home, which took place midst boxes still unpacked. There his Deputy Ambassador, Orgil, agreed to try to sort this matter out.

At last he had the go ahead for our teachers but with a caveat; the new Mongolian government required that those we sent be credentialed, college level educators and administrators, as they would wish them to help establish new colleges of business and medicine. Church members meeting that criteria were found, called, accepted the call and ready to go in a matter of weeks. Amazing!

Just days before these credentialed educators were to leave, the Embassy called to advise that they could not go. Probing as to the reasons the Ambassador advised that having just received independence they were a very poor country and he was somewhat chagrined to find that not only did they have no textbooks, with which to teach these subjects, but they had no money to buy them.

I suggested that rather than cancelling outright, we put matters on hold for a few days. I went to the Lord. Two day later I received a call from our book broker, Max Celnik. He said, "I know you have never done anything with college level texts but I have just been contacted to see if I knew of any humanitarian

groups who could use new business and medical texts worth several million dollars. Did we? Of course! I spoke with our Church leaders and they agreed that they would accept them and ship them. Yes, another of those daily miracles.

STATE OF THE WORLD: The nation of Yugoslavia is essentially dissolved with the recognition of the independence of Croatia and Slovenia by the European nations. President Bush of the USA and President Yeltsin of Russia, declare the 'Cold War' is at an end. White South Africa votes to give black South Africa equality in that nation. World leaders met in Rio de Janeiro to study and sign environmental treaties.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: Announcement made to build a Temple in Hong Kong along with several others. Elder Dallin H. Oakes testifies before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights in support of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: In June Pierce and I took our oldest grandson, TJ, to England, Scotland and Wales and in November Pierce and I travelled to Hong Kong and China on a personal journey to come to know the country and its people that we might be better able to understand and work with them more closely.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Where two years previous our thoughts were turned to Russia, Romania, Bulgaria, and Albania, now eyes were being turned eastward. Along with continued interest in China, thoughts were focused on Mongolia, India, and Pakistan. Steady attention was given to African and Middle Eastern countries. India was high on our priority list. Because of growth in Brazil I was asked to know that Ambassador.

This intensely busy time can perhaps best be captured by looking at the introduction to my report to the Brethren for April through May: "This six-week period has seen intense activity as we have dealt with 25 countries, either through contact with their Ambassadors or Deputy Chiefs of Mission. Each of these contacts has been positive. Some of the new challenges of this period have been the requests to develop relationships with the Ambassadors of Greece, Latvia, and Lithuania."

The request to arrange for President Hinckley and Elder Ballard to meet with King Juan Carlos I of Spain presented some unique diplomatic interaction and coordination which are chronicled in the section on Spain. It was exciting to place another building block on the Chinese foundation as we were asked by their Embassy to arrange for Ambassador Zhu to visit the Polynesian Cultural Center on an upcoming trip to Hawaii.

During this time we arranged for the Mexican Ambassador to accept the invitation to Salt Lake City. Also a date was arrived at for the visit of the Indian Ambassador to SLC. The visit of the DCM of the Spanish Embassy, our dear Mr. Fuentes, to Salt Lake City was successfully concluded. We were pleased to use the visit of Elder Dallin Oaks to interest some 40 members of the Diplomatic community to accept our invitation to the DC/BYU Management Society Dinner.

My report from August through December notes: "During this five month period, we have worked with 31 countries primarily through contacts with the Ambassadors or their Deputy Chiefs of Mission, with each contact directed towards a specific objective. Additional contact was made with 25 countries through hosted events in my home, at the Visitors Center, or at Embassy functions or holiday functions. Initiatives were advanced on behalf of the church in each of these countries."

MY FEELINGS AND OUR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

I can honestly say that there was seldom a day when I did not awaken excited for the challenge of the day. As I drove the George Washington Parkway from my home to our office in the National Press Building my heart always beat faster. I loved the city, I loved the monuments, and I loved the work. I loved the Lord and felt his presence, I loved the Brethren and I loved seeing if we could respond immediately to each and every request presented to us. We worked unceasingly to bring successful conclusion to every assignment, request or query.

To this point, one day I received a call from one of the Brethren advising that I would be interested in a comment about me made in their Temple meeting. An issue was brought up and it was suggested that I might look into the matter while another suggested waiting saying: "If you aren't sure you want

it done don't ask Beverly. She puts nothing on the back burner." This I considered a great compliment.

I used my 45 minute commute from our lovely home on the Potomac, down the crowded George Washing Parkway to the National Press Building (which took only 15 minutes during non-rush hour) to plan the day and determine priorities. It was not unusual to have had late night or early morning calls from those in authority relating new crises, challenges or requests. My staff teased that they had to have their pads and pencils at the ready as I walked through the door as I began giving out assignments immediately and before I had reached my desk they had all they could do for the day.

This was our first full year where my primary time could be devoted to International Affairs and was critical as there was an explosion of requests for outreach to governments and ambassadors.

As mentioned, we tried to have many contacts in place so that when a request was made from one of the Brethren, we had some avenue of access. It was an ever occurring miracle to find that people we met at a social function, in an elevator or some who even just appeared in our office were needed at just that time if only for a small initiative. I found contacts from my previous life in Washington, D.C invaluable.

Key to success was knowledge of those who had influence in the right country at the right time and I was blessed with an intuitive sense of that. My list of people who had access to countries was extensive. I reached out to anyone in the business or congressional community who I thought could help when problems arose that required outside intervention, or when a request for an appointment with an ambassador required some external intercession.

The response of these exceptionally busy and important people was remarkable. Along with our International Affairs Committee I was blessed with a strong cadre willing to meet, help arrange key appointments, intervene as requested, provide critical information and insights, accompany me on visits to an Ambassador when a little extra 'clout' was needed, or join at lunches and dinners where their presence would serve as useful. By way of policy I almost always asked one or more of these people to accompany me when taking an Apostle to meet an Ambassador, as it seemed not only wise, but appropriate to Church protocol.

My staff was small but this year we added two new staff members and a missionary couple. Those in our office were exceptional in abilities and dedication, with nothing too difficult for them to undertake. I took initial steps to divide the countries of the world for which we had responsibility into blocks. I then assigned key staff specific blocks with responsibility for research, gathering of statistics, preparing materials for presentation and developing relationships with selected understaff at embassies as requested by me, Such materials and relationships would allow important access and information as appointments needed to be quickly set up.

Celia Barnes served as my assistant with Carolyn Ingersoll as Administrator. Angela Singsumahle continued as office manager and Julie Frederickson and Gloria Wilkinson, who had just joined our staff, as Information Assistants. Elder and Sister Douglas Nichols came to us as much needed service missionaries.

Just getting an appointment with an ambassador was a dance, which often required weeks or months and was subject to change, as their schedules were subject to change. There was only one ambassador for a country in Washington and their time was generally in high demand.

Each country had their own agendas and religious issues were not priority. I found I had to develop a new vocabulary to catch their attention and define our needs. It was nothing short of miraculous that, after all we could do, appointments were granted.

Weeks were spent gathering correct and targeted information for these visits. After meetings had been concluded follow up was essential. Designing and scheduling events, dinners, and visits to the Visitors Center would have been a full time job with just a few countries, but this year we were dealing with 46 priority nations.

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED INITIATIVES

CONTACT WITH INDIA IS INITATED

The year started with a request from Elder Russell M. Nelson that I arrange a meeting for him with Ambassador Abid Hussain of **India.** It was in preparation for a trip planned to that country by Elder Nelson and Maxwell, mid-August, their hottest time of the year. Assisted by Ralph Hardy,

whose firm handled some of this countries legal matters. this was accomplished.

Their exchange was positive as they discussed the needs of their country and our desire to bring service and other missionaries into the county. After the meeting Elder Nelson suggested that he would send a letter of invitation for the Ambassador to visit Salt Lake and asked that we see it through.

Working with the embassy the invitation was accepted, itineraries designed and approved, and all other arrangements made for a May visit. Flying on a member's private plane Ambassador Hussain arrived in Salt Lake City on May 11, accompanied by his wife, Madame Karki Hussain, Mr. Raghbir Kabal, Second Secretary, Ralph Hardy and myself.

The ambassador spoke at the BYU Kennedy Center for International Studies, visited Welfare Square and before return he and his party met with President Hinckley and other church leaders. As we travelled back to DC he expressed great admiration for the church, its outreach programs and its people.

The Ambassador's letter to me of May 26nd reads in part: "My wife and I were touched by the warmth and affection with which we were received by you and your colleagues. As I told you, our visit to Salt Lake City was one of the most memorable visits in the United States and for this, credit goes to you and your colleagues who made excellent arrangement for our stay and drawing up a very interesting programme.

We were deeply impressed by the work the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is doing for humanity. I wish you and the church all success in their noble efforts to serve the humanity."

On our return I received a touching letter from Ralph Hardy regarding this trip, a portion of which I quote: "It is always a pleasure to see you in action. When the visit began, you had only met Ambassador Hussain on one quick occasion with Elder Russell Nelson. When the visit to Salt Lake concluded, you were their best friend. The Church is richly blessed to have someone of your consummate skills heading up our International efforts in Washington."

Needless to say, after such a personal time together bonds are forged that are warm and strong. We continued to be valued friends at a personal level and he continued to assist in arranging for meetings of Elders Maxwell and

Nelson with government officials in-country, including a high level reception for Elders Nelson and Maxwell with government officials in-country.

Within months a new Ambassador, Siddhartha S. Ray, arrived in the US and Ambassador Hussain made sure that we were introduced. Once again we asked Ralph Hardy, whose law firm handled significant matters for that country, to keep doors open and to help him become aware of and knowledgeable about the church.

We were invited to several cultural events at the embassy and were pleased to reciprocate. Ralph, and his wife Carol, accompanied India's Minister Counselor Balachandran to the picnic at the Marriott farm. It was exciting to have Elders Maxwell and Nelson report after their visit to India that permission was granted to establish a mission. Couples and missionaries are now in that country.

MORE TO THE STORY OF MONGOLIA

And now to enlarge on, fill in the details and conclude the story introducing this year: It was April when Elder Monte Brough of the Asian Area Presidency called to discuss help needed in **Mongolia.** This was a newly autonomous country and the church was anxious to accept an invitation that had been made through a visiting professor at BYU from Mongolia.

This visiting Professor had advised his contacts at BYU that our leaders and missionaries would be welcomed into the country and that all was worked out with the government. However, try as they might these contacts could not get visas into country, much less accept this invitation for missionaries. I was asked if I could please sort this out and expedite an official invitation and obtain proper visas.

I began working with Mr. Orgil, Deputy Ambassador. After weeks of back and forth, both inside and outside the country, he and we were able to arrange for Elders Lybbert and Brough to pick up their most important visas in Beijing and come into the country as guests of the foreign ministry. Meetings had been set with the ministers of education, cultural affairs, religion, trade, and government affairs.

Government leaders assured that there would be no problem in securing long-term visas as the government had no concern with missionary work

there, but they must be able and credentialed to teach at one of their universities. They explained that their universities were in disrepair after so many years of subjugation and this was a first priority of the country.

Pondering who was so credentialed and who could leave on short notice the name of the Flandro's came into my head. This was the couple who had been such a help during my travels in Hungary. He had been a vice president of BYU.

I suggested this name to Elder Maxwell; they were called and ready to step onto a plane within a matter of weeks as were all the others so qualified, and with the matter of the text books resolved, they went. The work of these missionaries was so highly regarded that, working with Mr. Orgil, we were able to facilitate the entrance of the next wave of service couples missionaries for September.

When Mr. Orgil advised that Dr. Gonchigdorg, former vice president of Mongolia and chairman of the Higher Education Reform Commission, would be in Washington, we arranged a lunch and visit to the visitors center for him and his party. I also met with Mr. Enkhtuvshin, First Vice-Minister of Education, and three other officials during their visit and took them to the Visitors Center.

Both groups expressed appreciation for the work the missionary couples were doing in-country and their assistance at the universities in-country. We were later able to arrange an excellent visit of the Mongolian Ambassador to Salt Lake City.

A PROPHET AND A KING IN SPAIN

A short time before President Hinckley and Elder Ballard departed on their planned trip to **Spain,** on March sixth, I was asked to arrange a meeting with King Juan Carols I and Queen Sofia. I was told that there was only a two hour window each day that President Hinckley would be available, but they were sure I could work it through.

I immediately called Mr. Fuentes DCM at the Spanish Embassy who has been such a help these last years. He was quite taken aback and advised this was something they had not ever done in the past. The Ambassador was out of town that weekend so he could not consult with him.

He counseled me that appointments such as this were generally requested months, not days, in advance and that the King's staff would set the date and time not the visitor. I recognized the validity in this but asked if I might come over and discuss it in person and see if we couldn't work our way through this.

We met the next day and though cordial and impressed as I presented the resumes of these two leaders to him, he reminded me that the King was the head of the Catholic Church in their country and he didn't see how he could receive them.

Saying a silent prayer for guidance I was impressed to say that this was further reason they should be received, asking how could the Head of our Church come into their country and not extend greeting to the Head of that country's Church.

Recognizing that additional support was needed I called Senators Reid and Hatch and asked if they would feel comfortable having a letter hand delivered to the Ambassador advising that they were aware of this upcoming trip and expressing hope that the Ambassador would be able to assist in all ways possible. They agreed to do so.

The ensuing days required many after-hours phone calls with Mr. Fuente as he worked this through a great variety of channels. At last the impossible was made possible, and the appointment was set at the King's Residential Palace for March 7th.

Though brief, the visit was very successful. President Hinckley and the King formed a bond and were to visit at another time. At the debriefing with Mr. Fuentes I delivered a letter from Elder Ballard to Ambassador Ojeda thanking him for his exceptional assistance in arranging for the visit. Enclosed with the letter were a video tape and CD of the Tabernacle Choir and copies of that week's edition of the *Church News* which reported on the trip.

Mr. Fuentes reported that his Ambassador had also received a positive report about the trip and expressed relief that all had gone well because, if not, it could have ended his career.

It now seemed time for this lovely man who has been such a help to the church to be our guest in Salt Lake. The trip was finalized and Minister-Counselor, Jorge Fuentes and his wife arrived on March 11th and 12th. He

visited and spoke at BYU. His report on returning was effusive. He spoke particularly of the dinner he had at the home of Elder Scott and how much it meant for him to be at that home. Elder Scott charmed them with his love for their country, culture and language.

Not long thereafter, Mr. Fuentes and his wife hosted Pierce and me to dinner at their residence. Other guests were from the diplomatic community. Mr. Fuentes presented a toast to the Church. He spoke glowingly of his visit to Salt Lake City and his positive experience there. He told of President Hinckley and Elder Ballard's visit to King Juan Carlos.

The message was not missed by others of the diplomatic community in attendance, including Spain's Ambassador-at-Large who became unusually interested and attentive and made an effort to spend time with me. I wish I could say our problems were solved; they were not, but they were certainly 'salved.'

CHALLENGES IN MEXICO

Though the church in **Mexico** was well established a bill was before their legislative body regarding church-state relations, which would greatly limit religious autonomy and freedom to practice. Elder Haight called and spoke of the need for immediate intervention on this issue as in-country efforts had not borne fruit and time was of the essence. He asked if I would arrange a meeting with the Ambassador to discuss the bill and its repercussions.

I contacted the Embassy and was advised that the Ambassador was leaving for Mexico that day. Explaining the time sensitive nature of the issue which needed the Ambassadors attention they consulted and I was advised that if I could come right over he would make room for a 15 minute discussion. Hailing a cab I was there within minutes.

We had an excellent discussion on religious liberty issues and the good our Church was doing in their country. This meeting lasted much longer than 15 minutes. Upon the Ambassadors return he called me in to inform me that he had spoken with government officials, explained our concerned, and was happy to report that the bill would not advance further.

Adding fuel to the fire in Mexico were letters being written by a particular member of the Catholic clergy in that country that were very anti-Mormon,

even suggesting it would be alright to use deadly force against our members and leaders. These letters were widely reported in the press saying that this clergyman had suggested such action had been initiated at the behest of the Pope.

I called my friend Monsignor Zdzislaw Peszkowski who was a boyhood friend of the Pope, and acted as his trusted confidant, and with whom I had greeted the Pope on three occasions. I told of these letters and of the report in the media that they had been initiated by the Pope. He immediately contacted Rome who denounced them and sent a letter to their Bishops in Mexico about religious tolerance.

That same day I stepped into the elevator at the Press Club and found myself alone with the lead reporter of the major paper in Mexico. I asked if he could come to my office and talk. He did.

I showed him the press clipping I had received and he was stunned. That night he wrote a hard hitting story about how wrong this all was. It was picked up by most major papers in Mexico. The harassment eased considerably. May I repeat; the Lord is micromanaging His Church, but he does need us to show up and step out.

During this time there occurred devastating explosions in Guadalajara. We initiated a letter of condolence from Elder Nelson and delivered it to Ambassador Gustavo Petricioli the following day. He was deeply touched that we would be concerned and therefore when Elder Nelson asked that I prepare and deliver an invitation to visit Salt Lake City as a guest of the church. He was quick to say he would try to find an open date in his calendar.

The dates of June 30-July 2 were settled upon and I accompanied him and his key staff person. It is always fascinating to see old perceptions die and new images form in the minds of these guests. We had carefully designed his itinerary that he might meet not just with leaders, but government officials and even attend a special cultural event put on by members of the church from México.

More to this ambassador's story: My service on the National Capital Executive Committee of The Boy Scouts of America led to me being asked to assume a major role in their gala, which would focus on scouting in Central America. I suggested, perhaps we could ask an ambassador to be host and thereby involve the ambassadors of all the Central American countries. I

suggested Ambassador Petricioli as host. The committee was excited but was concerned about who might have access to him.

Offering to extend the invitation I met with the ambassador to outline the event and its objectives and extended the invitation that he serve as official host for the event. He agreed to do so and as we discussed venues he asked his staff to arrange for it to be held at one of the most charming and elegant buildings in DC, the beautiful Mexican Cultural Institute.

This event was well attended by most of the Ambassadors from Central America. I had not been asked to develop relations with them before, but this shared event allowed me to spend time with each. As needs arose I was a familiar and safe, name and face.

Late that year Elder Nelson was traveling to Mexico. He expressed an interest in meeting with President Salinas of Mexico. When I learned that the Annual Appeal of Conscience Foundation Awards Dinner in New York City was honoring President Salinas, I advised Elder Nelson and asked if he would be interested in attending. He replied that he and Dantzel would join us at the event. Upon alerting the Ambassador of this, he extended an invitation to a private reception where we had an opportunity to meet and speak briefly with the president.

Before the year ended Ambassador Petricioli had been called back to his country as minister of (infrastructure). Pierce and I hosted a farewell dinner at our home. We included the Ambassador of Poland, Ambassador of Cameroon, Cultural Attaché of Poland and DCM of China, and key members of our IA and Members of Congress. We were pleased to be guests at a farewell dinner for Ambassador Petricioli, in the home of Mr. Francisco Aguirre-Baca, publisher of the *Americas Daily*, another contact which proved to be important and who continued to be an important ally for us in Mexico.

PIERCE AND I TRAVEL TO CHINA

Continuing the initiatives of previous years with **China,** I met often with officials of this embassy. Minister Wong Hangbou came to me early in February asking our help as Ambassador Zhu and Madame Wang were going to our Polynesian Cultural Center on February 28th as part of a visit, where we planned to make contact with the Chinese community in Hawaii. Working with Elder Oaks and President Moore, an exceptional experience was

planned and executed. Ambassador Zhu reported back to say they had had a glorious time. He also informed me that the government of China is looking into the possibility of developing a similar Center in-country as they thought it seemed an excellent vehicle for showcasing the minority groups in that nation.

Ambassador Zhu called to extend an invitation to a Sunday night supper at his residence on April 12 for Pierce and me. This was a great honor as a Sunday night dinner at an Embassy Residence signaled a personal outreach. Ambassador Zhu wanted us to know, and to report back to our leaders, that while in China, he had spoken with the Cultural Minister and other key government officials about our Church's desire to have our Apostles visit as Apostle and perhaps accompanied by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. He informed us that this was a very sensitive time for China and religion and to have any individuals or groups come in, under the name or sponsorship of a religion, was not possible. He also expressed that both he and Madam Zhu considered us friends and would continue to be such.

During the year several private and public dinners were arranged with the Ambassador and this issue was discussed. At one dinner, hosted by the Ambassador, he suggested that Pierce and I travel to China as private citizens to "strengthen and broaden lines of communication." We promised to think about it.

We were often included as guests of the Ambassador to such events. One such was a reception honoring the visit of the Mayor of Shanghai. Upon meeting him he asked that we visit him when we came to Shanghai. He knew Don Stahlei and wanted to know us.

Madam Zhu also included me as she hosted buffets and Chinese fashions shows and other events presenting artists or dance troupes. I can't say enough about the help of Minister Counselor Wang Hangbou, who was truly a friend in court and made certain our requests for appointments were scheduled. The staff at the Chinese embassy, who often spent their day off at the Visitor's Center, also extended themselves to see that our requests were addressed. They expressed an interest in how Americans lived and so I invited them to my home and arranged for others to have them into their homes.

As the summer progressed we had the Ambassador and his wife to a private Sunday night dinner in our home where we discussed what might be accomplished should we go to China as he had suggested. He advised that he would have the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) arrange an itinerary which would acquaint us with his country and have them appoint someone to travel with us as host.

This was thought to be a good idea and in November Pierce and I departed for China, covering all expenses ourselves so there would be no questions about our status as private citizens. We were told by the Embassy officials that we were not to speak of the church as such but we could talk about BYU as they loved the BYU groups who had performed in China.

This was at a time when China was just opening to the outside world and 'handlers' were with you every step of your journey. It was my first trip there and I loved the 'foreignness' of it. We were picked up at the airport by our hosts and introduced to our 'handler,' a handsome young man with impeccable English and manners. We have remained in close touch with him through the years. Needless to say, he now holds an important position in the Government.

My first impression was of streets filled with thousands of cyclists. They were coming from every direction at dizzying speed. As one of the few cars on the road I wondered how our driver could navigate through the maze. Our accommodations were at government owned hotels and were quite pleasant.

The first night in Beijing we were hosted at a banquet by Mr. Xucheng, Vice President of the CPAFFC and our official host. We found many of our friends from the Chinese embassy as officials of that organization. Among them was Li Jianping, who had been to many of our functions in DC and in our home. We learned that she was the daughter of a previous president and was moving up quickly in the hierocracy.

We were awed by the cultural and historical treasures of that country, but more by the people we met and the treatment and courtesies extended as we were hosted in Beijing and in four of the Provinces. They were generous and gracious and over the years proved to be important 'go to' people as accommodations were needed, meetings arranged and people hosted. We also saw them as valued friends.

Ambassador Zhu had been called back to country late summer and appointed a key member of the Parties' Central Governing Committee. The Zhu's hosted us at a private dinner at a private restaurant the following night. We recognized this as a courageous move because of his new appointment and our known ties to a religious organization. It was so good to be with them.

I will relate more of our impressions as I write of personal matters but let me just submit that we found each day, each site, and each city, filled with wonderment. We were on sensory overload. Can you imagine our thrill as we visited the Summer Palace, walked the Great Wall, descended into the pit where we strode isle after isle among the Tera Cotta warriors of Xian or sailed the Li river in awe as it's towering stone cliffs reached for the sky.

We reveled in the sights and sounds of the cities and the towns and the markets of Shanghai. It was like stepping into a history book, but most of all we loved the people and never lost sight of our objective.

We continued to request and finally were granted appointments with several ministry officials, including the ministers of culture and education where we quietly raised the issue of a Choir visit. We asked if there were ways that we might be of help to the country as we sought to lay groundwork for continuing dialogue; the visit by Elders Maxwell and Nelson was on the horizon. As we were departing our guide had tears in his eyes as did we.[25]

FOCUS ON BRAZIL

While in Salt Lake in April, Elder Wirthlin called me to his office and advised of visa challenges in **Brazil** and asked if we could develop relations at the highest level at that embassy as extensive contacts with their consulate had been unsatisfactory. I learned that this important Ambassador had continuing health problems and was accepting few appointments or invitations in Washington. This put a strain on his staff. Also they were planning the World Ecology Conference to be held that June in Brazil and our problem seemed minor to them.

Meetings were set, cancelled, reset and then bumped to someone who had no authority. Outreach was difficult and extremely time consuming. I spent many a summer afternoon cooling my heels in their lovely atrium waiting for arrival of the official with whom I had an appointment. Over time I convinced them we had a problem, which they must deal with.

To this end a letter was sent to their Consulate Official advising that the visas should be expedited. When they weren't, we learned that their Counsel said it was because she was short of staff and couldn't get to them. We offered to send volunteer staff in to help with routine office work so she could get to this. She declined. We later learned she was a devout Catholic as were many of those she reported to in-country and they had agreed to just stall any visas for Mormon missionaries. It was late fall before we got any traction.

EXTENDING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND JORDAN

Upon learning that there was a newly appointed Counselor for Religious Affairs at the **Israeli** Embassy, Avi Granot, I called to see if he would like to tour our Temple grounds and Visitors Center. He was aware of our history in Jerusalem and was interested in knowing more about the church's beliefs and doctrines. He also spoke of the possibility of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performing in Jerusalem and suggested that their Ambassador be invited to Salt Lake City. I advanced the details of such a visit through Elder Faust and he suggested we put contacts in place.

Not long after, I was asked to hand deliver an invitation from President Howard W. Hunter to Ambassador Shoval to be their guest in Salt Lake City, before the Choir visit to Israel, which was now scheduled for December.

Arrangements were made for Avi to visit Salt Lake City and also for Israeli National Television representation to be there and work on documentary on Salt Lake City and The Mormons. This was shown in Israel on December 24th. Reports are that it was very well received.

Personal invitations were extended to us by the Ambassador or Mr. Granot to attend several embassy events including the Ambassador's private reception and party, which honored the 44th anniversary of Israel's establishment as a state. I attended them all.

Elder Nelson had developed a long standing friendship with Senator Kamal of **Jordan**, an important and influential man in his day. When he learned that this dear friend had become very ill, he asked that I arrange a meeting while he was in that country that he might give him a blessing. On his return he told me how sweet that meeting was and how they had prayed ala Campbell style, meaning with all holding hands.

Later the Senator was hospitalized in Washington, DC. Elder Nelson did not forget him, but rather asked me to deliver flowers from him and to visit regularly and lend support to his daughter. This request was happily honored. As I worked with the next Jordanian Ambassador these acts of kindness were known to him and made our access much easier.

Elder Nelson also requested that I extend an invitation from him to the Ambassador Hussain to be a guest of the Church in Salt Lake City. Ambassador Hussain accepted this invitation and after much planning we arrived in SLC where he was hosted warmly and spoke eloquently of this friendship at the Kennedy Center at BYU.

CONTINUING WORK WITH AFRICAN NATIONS

At a meeting after April conference Elder Nelson advised that he would be traveling to the African continent and expressed his interest in meeting with Heads of State of the nations he was visiting; among them was **Malawi.** Again I arranged to meet with the Ambassador, who was resistant, but as I acquainted him with the importance of a visit to his country, by an Apostle of the Lord, he called staff in and asked them to compile a list of those major government officials he should meet with.

He apprised me of the multiple factions, in-country, explaining that there was much uncertainty as to the direction the government would take. There were real concerns about opening the nation to other religions or groups who might prove to be a further destabilizing influence. He did provide us with some names; however, we reached out to other African contacts to distinguish, which faction each represented, as we wished no missteps.

Another meeting was set with the Ambassador. After long conversations he closed our meeting by saying it simply was not time yet for the church to be registered because of problems in-country. He asked that we work with Ms. Ivy Tembo, first secretary at the embassy and sister of John Tembo, second person in charge of government in-country.

I came to know her very well and when she returned to country on official business, she did look into the registration problems, but advised there was nothing that could be done at the present time. Elder Faust recommended that we invite Mr. John Tembo to be a guest of the church in Salt Lake City, while in the US on official business. Although his schedule did not permit

such a visit, he expressed appreciation at being invited. Upon her return from country Ms. Tembo requested humanitarian assistance from the church, for children and education, and whatever medical help was possible, and humanitarian services division responded.

There was activity in so many of those nations and the new Area Presidency was actively pursuing initiatives. The requests coming to us for access and appointments on this continent were multiple, but with the help of Gloria Wilkinson, my excellent and committed staff specialist for Africa, we were able to keep on top of them. Let me briefly review country by country.

In May I received a memo from Tom Kay, legal counsel for Africa Area Presidency, asking that we develop relations with Pierrott Rajaonarivelo, the Ambassador of **Madagascar**, as the Church would be moving towards registration. One hundred members would be needed and according to the Area President, that would not be a problem.

We immediately called the Ambassador's assistant for an appointment to meet and the date of June 5th was agreed upon. Elder Ballard was able to be in DC for this visit and I asked our former US Ambassador to Madagascar, David King to join us. Happily he and the Ambassador knew one another. The Ambassador provided us with insightful information on the registration and recognition process. He explained that the Minister of Interior would handle such matters and as the Minister was a dear friend of the Ambassador's he would personally brief him.

Additional requested materials were delivered to him. An invitation to tour our Visitors Center had been accepted and lunch was set up where we were joined by David King. The Ambassador spoke openly about his country's misperceptions of the Church, his country's needs and about his own life and interests. The Ambassador reciprocated with a dinner at his residence. Following dinner, more pointed questions were asked about our doctrine and a lively and positive discussion ensured.

A follow-up call from the Ambassador informed us that he had spoken with the Minister of Interior who knew of the Church. The Minister concluded that as soon as the Church reached the required number of members, church officials should submit their request.

In September, we were informed by Elder Lindsay that the Church was close to having the required members and wanted our assistance to ensure that

the request would proceed as they expected to move forward in January. We were asked to have the Ambassador sign a certificate of accord in English and French and send it to the appropriate officials in country.

The Ambassador had gone back to his country for the summer hiatus and upon his return he advised that there was a bit of turmoil in his country over upcoming elections. He advised that it would be better to wait until after the elections before sending the certificate. True to his word, after the elections the certificates were signed and we mailed them to Elder Lindsay.

The Church was still struggling to gain official entrance into **Botswana.** I had worked often with Ambassador Sebele, hosted him to dinner and he was actively trying to advise and help us in that regard. Elder Lindsay faxed that the Ambassador had been in a terrible accident while in-country for the funeral of his mother. He had been flown to a South African hospital for surgery and recovery. I made contact with the embassy to express our condolence and obtained his in-country address.

Flowers and letters of condolences were sent. I spoke with him on his return to the US in November. He wanted to know what had been done and I told him that a special blessing had been pronounced on his country as it was dedicated by the Church for the Lord's purposes. As I was leaving for China soon thereafter I asked that Gloria and Marcus Faust arrange a meeting and present a copy of the dedicatory prayer. He was grateful that his country and been so blessed. He expressed appreciation for thoughts and deeds, during time of his grief and recovery.

We had been asked to keep the nation of **Cameroon** on our radar and had made initial outreach. The Ambassador was now Dean of the Diplomatic Corp and so when I saw him at an Africare dinner I made a point to shake hands with him. We had not featured a host ambassador from Africa for our Festival of Lights and it seemed with all the activity on this continent we should ask that ambassador, Paul Pondi. This would not only honor him but would bring many other ambassadors out as well.

An appointment was arranged with the Ambassador and there, after presenting a packet of carefully and sensitively prepared background materials, on the church in general, the African continent in particular and the event itself, I extended an official invitation. He honored us at this event as ambassador host.

After a period of back and forth Ambassador Pondi accepted the invitation and gave a warm and thoughtful speech with peace and joy as text. He is a very religious man. He told me of their grand Christian Cathedral, the largest yet built, and expressed an interest in the purpose of our Temples.

We felt privileged to have Elder Dallin H. Oaks as our other host and speaker. As always his remarks resonated to those gathered. The Ambassador returned to country in early 1993. He called before he left and expressed very positive impressions of the Church and offered to continue to be a friend in court in that country.

Elder Faust, and also Elders Tingey, and Lindsay of the Area Presidency and their wives needed multiple entry visas into **Nigeria**. Their travel in and out was quite frequent and these were being denied. Our assistance was requested. Gloria worked with Chike Anigbu, a member of the church and Minister Counselor at their embassy who assured us that such could be obtained, but later found that with political problems in-country and domination of the Muslim religion, in government, an unofficial policy had been adopted that visas requests for religious purposes were limited to 30 day, single entry.

I reached out to Congressmen Wayne Owens and Bill Orten to see if they could help, but there was still resistance. Not long after a new ambassador was appointed.

Upon learning that he would be at a National Press Club event, I attended and was able to have a quiet moment to raise our problem. He advised that his country's transition to democracy is nearing completion and hoped to be in place by the end of the year. He said nothing could be done until then and so we waited.

Registration papers for the Church had been filed in **Tanzania,** but they were stalled. Elder Lindsay asked that I meet with their ambassador to discuss their statue. An appointment was sought and set and appropriate materials prepared and presented. There were so many negative questions asked and such resistance to the Church that I suggested before we proceeded further he might find some insights if he would be my guest to tour the Temple grounds and our Visitors Center and this was arranged.

After a most positive time at the Visitors Center he told me that he was so glad he had gone as he had confused our church with the Jehovah's Witness.

Upon his return to the embassy he telexed his Minister of Home Affairs for assistance. He also requested that a member of his ministry might go to one of our Sunday church meetings, which we arranged and hosted. Soon thereafter the Ambassador informed me registration should move forward and not long thereafter we were notified that this registration had been approved.

Visas were sought and denied for Elder Tingey to enter **Angola.** We were their last hope. Working through a variety of people and organizations we were led to the Namibian council offices. With their assistance, we were able to obtain that sought after visa so he might enter the country and see what was possible for the work there.

Not long after his arrival in **Uganda,** Elder Lindsay advised that because of changes in government the Church was seeking re-registration, but that they weren't having success going through in-country channels. Soon thereafter I was invited to a reception honoring the first lady of Uganda, Madame Janet Museveni. She discussed with me their appreciation for Church humanitarian shipments to country and of her pleasure that another shipment was expected to be delivered to the Children and Orphans Foundation, which she sponsored.

I used this as an opening to discuss need for re-registration of the Church and obstacles we were running into. She expressed her surprise and said she would look into it when she returned to country. The wife of the Deputy Ambassador, Betty Katana, the member of the Church who had been responsible for bringing the Church to Uganda, asked for specific names of Church leaders, in-country. She planned to arrange meeting with them when she returned to country to do all possible to assist with this matter.

The requested relief shipment was sent, had arrived in the port of Dar el Salaam and was then directed on to Campola where it was being held hostage and large sums of money were required if we wished it to go through. Working through the Ambassador and the President of the Uganda Women's Children and Orphans Foundation, passage through the port and customs was arranged, and at last it reached its destination.

The country of **Zimbabwe** had been in a state of negative change since the death of the President's wife, Sally Mugabe with whom I had worked with so

closely over the years. She had been the stabilizing influence and had kept the country moving towards democracy.

At the time of her death Elder Ballard and I visited the embassy to sign the book of condolence. Letters of condolence were also sent to President Mugabe. We had committed humanitarian aid to her Children of Crisis Foundation and so worked with the Ambassador's wife, Mrs. Lillian Chigwedere to arrange shipment of nine sea cartons of supplies.

INITATIVES WITH BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE

Elder Maxwell asked that we make initial contacts with the embassy of **Bangladesh** as he would like to meet with them. Again, the initial staff response I received was that he is a Muslim ambassador and the Mormons want what? I called in Frank Madsen for back up and the appointment was set for May 8th. The conversation was pleasant and negotiations begun.

At that same time Elder Maxwell advised that they wished to establish relations with Ambassador Syeda Hussain of **Pakistan** prior to their visit to that country in June. Working with the assistant to the Ambassador, we were able to arrange an appointment on May 8th which went surprisingly well.

They found much to converse about and during the meeting the Ambassador wrote a letter of introduction to the Minister of Religion in-country for Elders Maxwell and Nelson and offered to help in the future. Raul McQuivey, of our IA board, who had business in that country, joined us.

I was surprised to receive a call from the Ambassador Peleaz of the **Philippines** advising of his return to country and inviting me to a Farewell Banquet in his honor. He said he had been asked to identify those he would like to speak at this event and he hoped I would honor him by being one of those speakers.

I learned that other speakers included Senator Nancy Katzenbaum, Congressman Solarz and the Ambassador of Singapore. Approximately 800 people were in attendance and the evening was glorious and my comments well received.

Peleaz arranged that I might attend the first event hosted by the incoming Ambassador so that the Church could have continued contact in that country and he promised to continue looking after the interests of our Temple in

Manila. It was to him I had gone to for help when I had been advised by my First Contact that there was a small uprising and tanks were going to be positioned on the Temple grounds. Ambassador Peleaz immediately placed a call to his country and the tanks were waved off.

I was approached by Ambassador Nathan, **Singapore's** Ambassador and fellow speaker at the Ambassador Peleaz farewell dinner. He was genial but pointed as he asked questions about the Church and its doctrine. From his probing I gathered that what he had heard was negative. I invited him and his wife to be my guests at the Visitors Center and for lunch.

Our staffs worked together to arrange a convenient date and time in May. Ambassador Nathan was impressed by what he saw and learned. He talked openly about the challenges the Church would face, not only in his country, but in that part of Asia but felt that in time countries would open up. He requested information on Church doctrine. A targeted packet of materials was prepared and delivered to the Ambassador. After review, the Ambassador agreed to be of assistance whenever he could.

MISSIONARY AND VISA PROBLEMS IN SRI LANKA, CYPRUS AND GREECE

Elder Maxwell called to tell of new visa problems in **Sri Lanka** and asked that I meet Ambassador de Alwis to try to secure long term visas. The Ambassador's office asked that we submit a formal request and background materials. We did so. He suggested that we contact the Controller of Immigration and Emigration in Colombo.

The Area Presidency followed through with his advice but we were later informed that the request was denied. The Ambassador offered his continuing assistance and thereafter a friendship developed as he and his family came to our events and Pierce and I to his. It took some time but the problem was worked through, only to be overturned quickly. Oh well, that's the nature of this work.

Missionaries had been asked to leave the island nation of **Cyprus**; could I open doors with this Ambassador and attempt to resolve the issue? This Ambassador also served as his country's Ambassador to the United Nations, so his time was not his own.

After concerted attempts a time was arranged when he and staff appropriate to this issue could meet with Elder Spencer Condie of that Area Presidency. I asked Congressman Wayne Owens to join us as he had had dealings with Cyprus in some of his other work. The Ambassador offered to be of any assistance and asked his consul to keep working with us to alleviate the problem.

Elder Oaks suggested we extended an invitation to the Ambassador to be a guest of the church in Salt Lake City and I met again with him in November, after return from his summer hiatus to extend this invitation. He promised to try to schedule it sometime after the heavy UN season.

One day I received a call from the Mission President in **Greece**. He said he just wanted advice as they had tried every avenue and could find no way through their visa problems. There missionaries were asked to leave the country every three months and go to another country, there ask for a new Greek visa and then return. This was costing the Church time and money, causing distress for the missionaries and interrupting any work they might be doing. Someone had told him to contact me.

I suggested several things he might try but advised him our office could only work as requested by the First Contact for that area. Not long after I received a letter from Elder Oaks outlining the problem and asking that I might open relations with the Greek ambassador.

Ambassador Zacharakis was not interested in such a meeting. This was understandable as the Greek Orthodox Church is the State Church of Greece and there was no accommodation for other religions. I spoke again with Congressman Wayne Owens, so well respected in that part of the world, and asked if he could facilitate such a meeting. He was able to do so.

Elder Oaks and I, joined by Congressman Owens and Sterling Colton, were received well at this meeting. The visa problem was outlined and the Ambassador agreed to assist in resolving the matter, however, this problem was not ameliorated.

I arranged a second visit with the Ambassador and again asked Congressman Owen to join me again. We asked if it would be possible to extend the 3 month tourist visas to 21-month residence visas. The Ambassador promised once again to talk with government officials. The Area President later

informed our office that government officials were softening and they were hopeful.

I also arranged for a letter from First Presidency to reach their Archbishop Iakovas asking for his assistance. He agreed to be of help. I had come to know and value as a friend the Reverend Dr. Milton Efthimiou, Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Ecumenical Officer of the Archdiocese, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America (now that is a title) through my work on ecumenical counsels.

It is always interesting to me that the people I am most drawn to in groups are people I will later need to know for the Lords purposes. Dr. Efthimiou reiterated the resistance to any other religions entering the country, but said he would speak to the head of their church's affairs in Greece and see if they couldn't find a way to soften their stance.

Following Elder Oaks meeting with the Ambassador he asked that we extend him an invitation to be a guest of the church in Salt Lake City. The Ambassador expressed an interest. He had been there in 1950 and would like to see it again. An official letter of invitation signed by Elder Oaks was hand delivered to the Ambassador. The trip was to occur in late November but I find no notes as to its outcome only a memo to Elder Oaks dated 9/21/92 relating details.

INITIATIVES WITH FORMER EASTERN BLOCK NATIONS

Elder Oaks asked that I develop relations with the new Ambassadors of **Latvia** and **Lithuania**, just emerging from decades of Communist rule. He wished to meet them when next he was in DC. Though I had worked with their 'ambassador in exile,' as the Iron Curtain was coming down, I had no contact with these new, young reformers.

It is so interesting that just the day previous to this request a young State Department worker named Andrew Silski came to our office to introduce himself. He spoke with Julie Frederickson who was staff for these countries and expressed his interest in having Church materials translated into Latvian or Lithuanian. Julie noted, "He related that he knew those Ambassadors as well as the one from Estonia and wanted to know if he could help us with anything. I took his name and number and told him we were excited to have his contact information – but that all was ok in that area.

The very next morning Elder Oaks called our office and asked Beverly if she knew anyone that had anything to do with Latvia and Lithuania. The missionaries were being thrown out of the country and legislation was being considered to outlaw the church. Beverly called Andrew and within a week she had hosted all three Ambassadors at the Temple Visitors Center. Yet another example of the Lord putting people in our path.

The appointments for Elder Oaks were made and Ambassador Dinbergs welcomed us as old friends. During this visit Elder Oaks advised the Ambassador that our Area President, Elder Ringger, would be visiting their countries and hoped they could provide him names of in-country leaders with whom he should meet. This they did and the Ambassador also sent a letter to leaders in-country. Elder Ringger advised, "The letter ambassador Dinbergs sent to his government in Latvia opened 'all' doors." He noted that the Ambassador is a great hero of the revolution. We had a similar, but not as warm response from Lithuania and Estonia.

Our interest in helping the Church in **Poland** and in helping this struggling nation itself continued. After developing relations with Ambassador Dziewanowski and his wife, I was invited to be guest of honor at a luncheon at the residence.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Dziewanowski inquired if I thought it might be possible for our Church to provide assistance in obtaining warm clothing and blankets for those just being released from political prisons. For the most part these would be men and would be homeless with only the rags on their backs. Items provided could be distributed through a foundation she started for just that purposed. She said her dream was to provide a suit, a top coat, shoes and one, every day outfit, along with a warm blanket for at least the 600 men who were scheduled for release in the next months.

Of course we would want to help. This action was approved and our humanitarian arm sent of a shipment of forty thousand pounds of clothes with focus on the requested items.

For so many years, work with the Embassy of the USSR, now **Russia,** had been intense and ongoing. Now with recognition of the church in-country and the breakup of the Federation, most of my work was with those nations emerging from the iron fist of that Union. However contact with Russia was still necessary. I was pleased to be invited to attend a private reception to

meet their new ambassador, Vladimir Lukin. At that time I was able to raise the possibility of the Ambassador joining us for dinner to meet our apostle Elder Dallin Oaks, who had responsibility for our work in his country. This invitation was officially extended and accepted, but subsequently cancelled because of the visit to the US of the former USSR President Mikael Gorbachev.

Through all the years of working with this embassy, Alexander Potemkin, their Minister of Culture, had been one of our most valued resources and friends. He was diligent in expediting our every request and saw that we were included in every event of worth at the embassy.

It seemed time that he and his wife be invited to Salt Lake City as guests of the church. Elder Oaks agreed and the trip was planned, which proved to be a highlight for them and they continued to represent the best interests of the Church whenever asked. An interesting aside; they had no children but their Siamese cat took on that role and Natalie, his wife, carried him in her handbag to every event. At this time it was unusual behavior and there were many raised eyebrows, but we loved this eccentricity

It was this year that a very tall, friendly and distinguished man walked into my office and introduced himself as the Deputy Ambassador of **Croatia** and member of the Church. I was aware that the nation of Yugoslavia had just been dissolved, and Croatia and Slovenia had just been recognized as independent nations by the European Union, but had not focused on this further.

This imposing man, almost seven feet tall, said his name was Kresimir Cosic and Elder Oaks had said I should give him any help he wanted. I asked him to be seated and to tell me about himself.

He seemed very puzzled that I did not know who he was. He asked how long I had been a member of the Church and did I know about BYU. Answering in the affirmative he told me that he had been a basketball star at BYU and had converted there. I was possibly one of the few BYU alumni who did not know who this man was, I tried to cover as best I could and we went on to discuss his interests.

Later I learned of his distinguished career, his fame and his sacrifices on behalf of the Church. My only excuse is that the 70's were so chaotic, I lived in Washington, D.C. and as Director of the Kennedy Foundation, and wife and mother, my life was too full.

Kresimir achievements were remarkable, his profound spirituality palpable and his great zest for life contagious. We worked together beautifully as you will read, as I chronicle the next years.

BOARDS, EVENTS, SPEECHES

These events were growing in importance, complexity and size. Planning and outreach for each event began early and required exceptional effort from my staff and the IA committees involved. With the success of last year's **Western Picnic** we decided that this would be an annual event. We extended invitations to a few more countries we were working with this year and were pleased to have embassy representatives and their families from Australia, China, Croatia, Egypt, Finland, Hungary, India, Israel, Madagascar, Namibia, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Sri Lanka, and Yugoslavia. Elder and Sister Cree Kofford also joined us as representatives of our Area Presidency.

Our International Night to introduce the **Festival of Lights** was held on December 1st and was a grand success. Elder Dallin Oaks was joined by Ambassador Paul Pondi of Cameroon, Dean of the Diplomatic Corp. Ariel Bybee of the Metropolitan Opera was our guest artist and Jenny Oaks accepted our invitation to be our featured youth artist. The night's activities were filmed and telecast on VISN interfaith cable network.

Ambassadors and embassy officials attending the first and second opening nights included Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cameroon, China, Croatia, Germany, India, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Niger, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Uruguay, And Zambia.

This year I initiated a private reception where Ambassadors could meet Elder Oaks at a personal level just before the event. I also thought it would be important to begin a tradition of inviting LDS Senators and Congressmen to join him in the receiving line. We were so pleased when Senators Garn, Hatch, Reid, and Congressmen Packard, Orton and Faleomavaega were able to participate.

In an effort to invest embassy staffs in visiting the Center and to allow us to build stronger relations with embassy staffs we added a special International tree to be decorated by dolls representing their nations. We invited participation and dolls from 37 embassies were collected. In addition

hundreds of international dolls dressed in costumes representing countries all over the world were handmade by 150 young women from stakes comprising the Washington, DC area and added to the tree. These trees were a great hit and continued to draw delegations from the embassies throughout the Christmas season. Christmas cards were sent to all major ambassadors on behalf of the church. Needless to say, at year's end we all were exhausted, but exhilarated.

My work with the national and international media continued and I often visited key representatives at the **Foreign Press Center** in New York. Seeing so much international activity had piqued their curiosity about Salt Lake City. They contacted me to ask if I would help arrange a familiarity trip with The United States Information Agency (USIA) for a group of eight foreign journalists to visit Salt Lake City and meet with key government leaders and businessmen. This I did and with plans in place turned them over to the Governor's office, as their host needed to be other than church sponsored.

My service on the board of **Religion in American Life** in New York City continued. This year they wanted to upgrade and expand their worship directories, which were placed at front desks of hotels. I asked that our Church always be included on these directories, as it had not been in the past. They agreed and we contacted the Marriott hotels and others to see if they would add them to their desks. We provided the directory people with LDS information, for all hotels, which was a very complex undertaking.

We also hosted the **Religious Public Relations Council Teleconference** at the New York City Visitors Center and were pleased to have 31 people attend from 11 different denominations. This year I was asked to replace Don Ladd on the Board of the **National Conference of Christians and Jew, for The Greater DC National Council.** Their work is always considered important and so was happy to represent our Church. My work began immediately when I was asked to help them plan their major benefit.

As mentioned earlier, **The Appeal of Conscience Foundation** offered us important contact with visiting foreign dignitaries relating to religion or human rights issues. I was pleased when Rabbi Schneier asked me to participate in designing initiatives for working through Turkey to explore ways of reaching countries that are basically non-Christian. The Foundation also invited me to participate on a panel, at the State Department, to acquaint

Foreign Service officers, going to China, with the attitude of their government towards various religions.

My term was at an end with President Lee's **Brigham Young University President's Roundtable**. This had been an amazing experience as I had come to know and better understand the challenges such a university is presented with. My last meeting was attended with a sense of loss; President Lee had been amazing and the other six board members outstanding. Though inflicted with a virulent form of cancer, President Lee had continued his duties unabated. My work with the **BYU Alumni Board** continued.

I was surprised to be asked to become a member of the **Board of Directors of Franklin Quest,** a publically held corporation. This company had become such a prodigious force in the industry of executive planning and management. After consulting with others I accepted the position and attended my first meeting, a whole new experience.

During the last years I had encouraged and had been working with two amazing men to help them compile and record the **History of the Mormons in the Greater DC Area** before all memories were lost. This was now completed and I was able to send copies of it to our historical department along with copies to several of the Brethren mentioned therein.[26]

Requests to speak were frequent but with my demanding work load I felt I could only accept those that would be helpful or beneficial to the Church or to our International Affairs initiatives. I was pleased to speak to the **BYU Washington Seminar Interns** regarding international affairs. In my keynote address to the **Annapolis Stake Relief Society** Conference I spoke of outreach and suggested humanitarian projects they might consider this year. I gave a fireside for our **McLean Stake** on the challenges and opportunities of an international church and also keynoted our **McLean Stake Relief Society** Conference.

One of my favorite groups was the young people I met as I addressed the **Weber State Institute** in Ogden, Utah. Women's issues were a challenge in some of our Eastern Stakes and the positive aspects of women's challenges were addressed as I spoke at a Stake in **Morristown, New Jersey**. Finding time to prepare a talk and gathering the energy to travel on my occasional free weekend to deliver them, was always a challenge, however, I found that I

always gained more than I gave and returned renewed and refreshed, buoyed by the spirit. God is good!

It seemed that whenever our area conducted Area Priesthood or Missionary Training Sessions, Elder Ballard invited me to attend. In these sessions he always spoke of the importance, indeed necessity, for inclusion of women in Bishops Councils and planning sessions and of the importance of listening to, placing value on and extending credit for the work women do. I was so grateful to him. My own experience with all the Brethren was of their deepest concern for the women of the Church.

This was a time when there seemed to be an overt drift towards hard line feminism in most universities and BYU was not exempt. There were those of the women faculty who were pushing the boundaries and there was a concern that in this effort, false doctrine not be promoted.

As I attended the BYU RS Women's Conference on October 23rd I was approached by one of these dear women who advised that they were troubled that I had been sent to "spy" on them. This was not the case; I just happened to be in Salt Lake and thought I would enjoy hearing some of the presentations. It did alert me to an unsettled and unsettling climate among a few.

The following day I had a meeting with Lucile Tate and she advised that Elder Packer had invited us to lunch with him and Donna. What a wonderful afternoon. This gave me an opportunity to ask regarding some of the concerns and we had an enlightening and hopeful discussion. Once again I was impressed not only with him as a 'seer,' but also with his genuine love and caring concern for all the women of the Church. There was also some discussion of my Eve research.

A couple of years previously he had suggested that the best way to evaluate the worth of your writing was to put it on a shelf for a year or two and then revisit it. I had done this with an original rough manuscript on Eve and was now impressed it was time to revisit. I note in my Day Planner on return from this trip: "Feel strongly it is time to revisit this manuscript and see where it leads me."

I also note how good it was to see Pierce and how warm and inviting my home felt. The following day I note, "Spent day working on Eve. Many changes. Much new insight. Worked until midnight;" and on October 28th

note: "Up at 6 am to work on Eve – worked 'til well past midnight. It is coming together. I finally understand the story."

Entries for the following two weeks show that I spent all free evenings and week-ends consumed with writing, researching, searching and finding on this subject.

TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

This year, as, from the beginning of this assignment, my time was devoted fully to this cause and, as with all missions, was the focus of our lives. This was possible because we were "empty nesters." The days were long, generally extending well into the evening. After a full day at the office there was a need to attend embassy functions, receptions, dinners or host such events in my home.

For me to go to such events without a purpose would have been onerous, however, because it was so important to continue to develop existing relationships and to keep and open new doors to nations, they were stimulating challenges and I approached each event with a target purpose and clear focus.

Pierce always supported me fully and accompanied me whenever asked. His actions, in my eyes, were heroic. He would much rather have been at home in comfortable clothes, pursuing his own interests, rather than dressed in a tuxedo making small talk with people he didn't know. The Lord was so generous with both of us. There were health challenges for us both but we knew that if we would just 'dress up and show up' we would be shored up.

One of the year's grand highlights was a trip we took with our eldest grandson Thomas Justin Campbell, who is called TJ. Pierce and I had decided we would institute a new tradition; that when each grandchild passed the age of 13 we would take them to a part of the world of their choice.

TJ selected England, Scotland and Wales. When asked what he would like to see he said 'castles.' I'm afraid I got a little overambitious in the planning and our joke before it was over was good days were 'five castle days.' I'd arranged for a train/drive service as they have such amazing high speed trains and we could cover so much more territory. We were able to pick up a

car at or near the train station, drive as we wished for sightseeing and take a high speed train to the next stop.

We arrived in London early on the 6th and hopped a double decker bus for an orientation tour. After a night rest we were off to Scotland. For some 40 years we had been searching to identify Pierce's Campbell ancestors. We had now identified what appeared to be Pierce's Scottish line and we were excited to explore further. We left the train at Sterling, explored and then drove on to Edinburgh for their famous Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle. While prepared with raincoats we were not prepared for the deluge that night. Finally we found large green trash bags and covered ourselves as best we could. What a rich and colorful spectacle.

We took the late afternoon train to Inverness and experienced one of this world's most picturesque and enthralling rides. As our train traversed the crags and mountains covered with heather there were waterfalls cascading at every turn and animals of many kinds gathering to drink at sunset. We could see in our minds eyes the ancestors who had peopled this country. The drive past the Loch Ness Lake was stunning. We visited Glencoe where the Campbell and McDonald clans crossed arms and during that drive found a castle, now in ruins, but built by a Campbell ancestor for his wife. We loved climbing about and imagining what had been.

Ere long we were back in England at Stratford where we met our friends Stanley and Ann Hind. Ann, our Brough ancestor often mentioned, and Stanley took TJ to see Windygate the ancestral home of my family line, the Broughs. We soon were at Stonehenge and then back to London where we introduced TJ to the great treasures of that city. Our last train was to Wales for just a taste of their landscape and the sea. On our return over the rough roads we got a flat tire, barely making it to the train on time to reach to Heathrow and our flight home.

Beyond all the wonder of it we discovered two things; the best sandwiches were to be found at train stations and you could catch a fast train from Inverness to London to see the Washington Redskins play, which we all did after Pierce and TJ saw a poster announcing the game and said: "Let's go." I called the Marriott hotel in London to see if the Concierge could get us tickets and a room. Pierce and TJ had a grand time and we were back on a train in the morning. TJ loved all things English and married a girl who had been raised in England. Perhaps there was no coincidence he chose to go there.

I've already written about our time in China. The experience was without parallel in every way, however, However, on our flight home Pierce became quite ill and had trouble breathing. He was given oxygen throughout the night, but by the time we stopped for refueling in Anchorage the pilots insisted he get medical assistance and would not let us continue on.

He was very sick, but the hospital found nothing treatable and suggested a couple of days rest before we went on. I had meetings scheduled in Salt Lake the day we finally arrived there and though still in a wheelchair Pierce insisted I stay. We got him onto the flight and arranged for Marc to meet it in DC and take care of him until I could return. Health challenges continued and we were never able to get to the bottom of what caused that incident.

There is no way to express the joy of being in that Tabernacle, being privileged to be seated in the first or second row which allowed me to feast not only on the words but on the faces of these 'Beloveds,' called of God at the time of April and October General Conference. In addition to the spiritual feast, as we listened to Prophets of God, there was the greetings of old friends, lunch between session with people we loved, Saturday night discussions with choice women, while the men were at Priesthood meeting, generally about research on Eve and other issues of concern to the women of the church.

And in the days before, during and after Conference there was the Special Affairs Committee and such meetings with the Brethren as were requested. These provided impetus and insight for the months ahead. I returned to DC knowing how blessed I was, restored and excited for the next challenges.

Tom's work as General Counsel of NOAA and with the Valdez Oil spill had kept him terribly busy throughout the year. He traveled to Alaska for a firsthand look at the damage, testified before Congressional committees, and wrote new environmental protection law.

He was also finishing work on the basement of their house in Mason's Neck. Shauri was expecting a baby next February and with the four boys her hands were overly full.

Nonetheless it was October and time for the birthday party for Matt and Robert in our Sky Room where we followed all traditions. Our Christmas with Marc and Ilene was early this year, the 16th as they were leaving for the

Caribbean. We gave gifts we had purchased in China, one being a magnificent silk carpet selected while touring their silk factories.

People often asked "how did you do it all" as it was not unusual for us to host five or six Christmas dinners and parties along with the International Nights at the Visitors Center, keep a full office schedule, select and wrap some 250 gifts, large and small, plan family events and travel as required during this season.

The planning began in June. We had a long table between two storage closets in our Family Room – one for gifts the other for our grandchildren's toys. By this time of year the gift closet was filled to overflowing and the table stacked high. In addition to family, there were small gifts for the adults and children who would be at our Christmas party, those being sent to friends, ambassadorial families, the Brethren and their wives and to our secret Christmas families. The buying went on all year, the wrapping a marathon 20 hours or so.

Over the years I developed a cadre of your men who came for three days to put up the wreaths and the garlands and help with the trees, generally two major, two minor. Linens were pulled, centerpieces ordered, invitations designed and sent – all while being very budget conscious.

At this stage of my life I cannot imagine how it was all accomplished but we (well me more than Pierce) loved it. It was an important part of our lives and of remembering, honoring and celebrating our Savior, family, friends and church.

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A hero is someone who has given his or her life
to something bigger than oneself.
Joseph Campbell

So many stories begin, "it was a dark and raining night." It was just that as two diplomatic limousines left the main road, traversed the narrow lane surrounded by dense towering trees, descended the steep hill down and ascended the vertical incline up to our home situated on a rocky outcropping towering over the Potomac River. As I opened the door our honored guest, the President of the recently formed nation of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tudjman inquired: "Where am I?" He may have thought he'd been abducted.

The story of this leader's resistance to communism after his nation had been folded into a larger conglomeration called Yugoslavia, his imprisonment and his rise to power as Croatia was again reconstituted is the stuff of which heroes are made.

However, the real hero I speak of is Kresimir Cosic, who at the heights of a fabled athletic career had sacrificed huge sums of money and fame to return to his native Yugoslavia to serve as head of the church in that harsh country where religion was forbidden.

His conversion at BYU and his magnificent athletic career are well chronicled, however, how he got to BYU and other amazing happenings, as related to me, are not generally known. He asked that at some time, as appropriate, I record them that they may not be forgotten and which I will do later in a separate document. For now let us return to that evening.

Kreso was now serving as Deputy Ambassador of that country and had asked if I would host his nation's President at a dinner on his brief visit to Washington. He wished that he meet key church members, including our LDS legislators.

Gathered that evening were Senators Harry Reid and Bob Bennett, and Congressmen Bill Orton and Dick Swett. As we retired to the Salon after dinner the President was relaxed and anxious to talk. A spirited discussion followed with him exclaiming that he could now see why Kresimir would give up so much to be part of such a group.

STATE OF THE WORLD: On January 1st Czechoslovakia divides into two separate nations: Slovakia and the Czech Republic. Yeltsin cancels Russian Congress and takes over government. Clinton becomes our 42nd president. Bombs explode in India killing 300 and an Islamic group bombs the World Trade Center in New York City killing six. China and Taiwan officials meet for first time since separation. Israeli PM Rabin and PLO chairman Arafat sign agreement for limited Palestinian autonomy in West Bank and Gaza Strip. Signing of the Maastricht Treaty initiates the European Union. Holocaust Museum opens in DC.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: Church announces plans to build a temple in Madrid, Spain and in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Ground is broken for temples in Bogota, Columbia, Mount Tipanogos, Utah and St. Louis, Missouri.

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: Our first and only granddaughter, Heather Caitlin, entered the world on February 5th. Marc Bradley Jr. was baptized. Any spare moment I could find was spent researching, writing and thinking about getting the story of Mother Eve correct. Pierce was very busy putting together large tract of lands for business clients. Tom leaves NOAA to embark on a new law career. Marc, Sr. has his own firm and is doing well.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

At this time our efforts turned more to the Middle East and Asia and Africa. Elder Neal A. Maxwell and party goes to China, many new Ambassadors arrive. Relationships with new members of Congress are developed. The work moves forward in Mongolia and India, missionaries are harassed in Greece and Bulgaria; requests are made to the Ambassador of Pakistan for new missionary entry.

The work in the African nations explodes and requests for help with registration, legislation, entry visas for leaders and missionaries, combating negative in country media, are just a few things we are asked to address. Russia and other former Eastern Bloc countries are putting legislation in place to turn the clock back on religious freedom. Invitations to SLC are issued to the Ambassadors of Cyprus, Egypt, India and Israel.

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED INITATIVES

As you will see as I chronicle work with other nations, the number of countries we are working with had expanded three fold. You may find this year's entry much too long but in order for an accurate history it's important to include bits and pieces of it all. We saw many of our old Ambassadorial friends leaving and new ones taking their place. It was an exciting time in our Nation's Capital, in the Capitals of the World and in the Church.

AMBASSADOR EL READY AND AMBASSADOR MAHER EL SAYED OF EGYPT

We had valued our relationship with Ambassador El Ready of **Egypt** who suggested I meet early with his successor, Ambassador Maher El Sayed. I was delighted when this new Ambassador readily agreed to such a meeting and found him to be professional, warm and astute. He spoke of his background as a scholar and noted that the Egyptian government had given permission for Brigham Young University, under the auspices of Dr. Wilfred Griggs, to study the DNA of some of Egypt's royal mummies. He expressed an interest in speaking with him about their findings, their methods and their future plans.

Delighted to find this common interest I called Dr. Griggs and asked if he could arrange a time to be in DC and meet with him. He agreed to come and while here to do a presentation at our Visitors Center to which we could invite other embassy officials. I apprised the Ambassador of this and a February date was set. The meeting with Driggs at the Ambassadors office was absorbing. I had barely made introduction when they began chatting as colleagues. Soon two hours had passed.

We saw this Visitor's Center presentation as a much desired opportunity to open doors to other Middle Eastern ambassadors. The draw of Ambassador Mayer El Sayed, combined with an opportunity to meet some members of Congress, as well as to hear the latest on this cutting edge research, would make for a "must attend" evening.

I asked Senator Bob Bennett and Congressman Bill Orton to serve as co-hosts for the reception honoring the Ambassador before Dr. Griggs presentation. The response was outstanding. At the conclusion, the Ambassador responded warmly, speaking of his great appreciation and admiration for the work of Dr. Griggs and his team. He also conveyed his deep respect for the Church.

The Ambassador and his wife had arrived early that evening and said they wished to go inside the Temple. I explained the sacred nature of our temples and of temple worship but suggested that if they would just like to step into the reception room of the Temple we could do so. The Temple President met them and they had a spirited discussion. Later the Ambassador asked me why they were all dressed in white, why their nametags said Brother and why did we place such emphasis on temples. He spoke of the significance of temples in Egyptian history, of sacred dress and of the importance of all being brothers and suggested we explore these subjects more.

Ambassador Abdel El Reedy was called home before his scheduled date to visit Salt Lake. Elder Dallin H. Oaks suggested that, along with very personal greetings from the leadership of the church, we renew that invitation to this Ambassador, which I did at my next meeting with him. The Ambassador said he would very much like to accept this invitation and asked that I work with his assistants to find a mutually convenient date.

Dr. Driggs had suggested text books he could send to Egypt and I asked the Ambassador if he wished to pursue that matter. Not long after he called me to the embassy and said he had consulted in country and nothing could be sent to Cairo, but said Madame Mubarak, the President's wife, was sponsoring a new library at Alexandria and could use a large variety of books.

There was a restriction, as acceptance of anything from a Christian church would impact the delicate balance the government maintained with the radical Muslim elements in their country; could these be sent through a third party? I spoke with Elder Oaks about this and told him that a member of the church, John Roller, had recently contacted me to see if the church could use more textbooks he had in a warehouse, as part of our humanitarian work. One problem; he couldn't pay shipping costs. I suggested this was a possible answer to the 'third party' question.

Approval was given and working with our humanitarian arm arrangements were made for a 40-foot sea carton to go to Mrs. Mubarack at the port of Alexandria under the name of John Roller, with the church absorbing the shipping charges. (Yet another example of the Lord placing people in our path before we even knew we needed them.) After the receipt of these books the Ambassador asked me to his office where he presented me with a most grateful letter of thanks; tucked inside was a note of appreciation from Mrs. Mubarack.

All had been put in place for the Ambassador's visit to SLC, however just before departure the Deputy Ambassador asked me to come again to the embassy. He advised that the Ambassador could not make the trip because he had experienced a heart attack and asked that we keep this information guarded and private. This was very concerning at a personal level because by this time I had been to their home and to lunches and he and his wife had become friends. His recovery took several months but he did recover and our work together continued.

An interesting exchange with this new Ambassador took place at our annual **Western Family Picnic** held late September at the Marriott Ranch. The afternoon was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the activities, the stage coach rides, the square dancing and the myriad of booths displaying Western culture and the history of our church's trek westward. We were honored that Elder Ballard and his wife Barbara came representing the church. Elder Ballard gave welcoming remarks and circulated freely meeting nearly all our guests. Nineteen Ambassadors and representatives from 33 countries attended.

Sometime later, Ambassador El Sayed of Egypt related to me that this event marked the first time in modern history that the Egyptian and Israeli Ambassadors had spoken to each other. He iterated that he saw the Israeli Ambassador leaning against a fence some distance away from the crowd and thought, "This is a safe plac; there are no photographers. I will make the first move." Interestingly, I had been advised by knowledgeable diplomats that I must choose between inviting the Egypt and Jordon or Israeli ambassador as it was unthinkable to combine them. After prayerful pondering I was moved to take the risk and invited all three.

A NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES FROM CHINA

Prior to the Ambassador Zhu Qizhen's return to **China** in March I hosted a luncheon in my home for Madam Yude, his wife. They reciprocated by inviting us to their official farewell reception and a follow up private dinner. They had become lasting friends and continued to be so.

My relationship with the new Ambassador Li Daoyu and his wife was evolving nicely. Wong Hangbou, Minister Counselor and by now longtime friend, continued to make certain I was included on all major guest lists to embassy events so my name and face was known to them. Because of this, when I requested a private meeting with Ambassador Li Daoyu to advance

the Church's initiatives it was immediately granted and he tried to be helpful wherever he could. After discussion with Elder Maxwell it was decided we would invite Ambassador Li to be our guest host at this year's Festival of Lights. As I extended this invitation he looked concerned. After a few moments pause he responded that though he knew this was an honor and something he personally would like to do, he thought it would be frowned on in-country and suggested perhaps the invitation might be reissued in a future year.

Not long after Kitty Xia and Dr. Zhao of the Foreign Affairs office in Shanghai advised they would be in Washington and asked for my help in arranging their stay. She had been our host in Shanghai and we knew she had great clout in-country and we liked her. An extensive itinerary was planned.

At a quiet dinner she said she had been told by the Mayor of Shanghai that he would not object if the church operated quietly in that city as "the mountains are high and Beijing is very far away." I asked her to thank him but to advise that our church always honored, obeyed and sustained the laws of the land in which they were resident and so we would have to wait on the official approval of the Beijing government.

When Su Guang, the new president of Chinese Peoples Association for Friendship of Foreign Countries was in the country for a few days, he asked that I come and meet him and also attend the reception in his honor. He had played a key role in arranging appointments for Elder Maxwell in China and I was pleased to thank him personally. It had been amazing to see the changes in China over that five year period as it moved from a closed society to one much more open. What might lie ahead?

INDIA, MONGOLIA, PAKISTAN - OPENING DOORS AND KEEPING DOORS OPEN

Following a devastating earthquake in **India** I arranged a meeting with their Deputy Ambassador Sibal for Elder Maxwell. He informed Mr. Sibal that the church was shipping two 40-feet shipments of food, blankets, and supplies and presented a $25,000 check to augment India's relief program. Elder Maxwell asked that the Ambassador stay in touch with me or Ralph Hardy if there was anything further we could do.

Not long thereafter I received request from the Asia Area Presidency asking if I would try to work through the embassy to obtain **visas** for missionaries as

they wished to get in as soon as possible. I immediately began seeking assistance and access and thus my real work in this country began.

Things were moving ahead in **Mongolia** and when the Asia Area Presidency asked that I host a luncheon for Mr. Gomchigdorj, Chairman of the Higher Education Reform Commission in Mongolia and former Vice President of Mongolia and currently a member of the legislature, and his delegation of four at the Visitors Center, I was happy to do so.

We were joined by various members of the International Advisory group. Mr. Gomchigdorj expressed their appreciation for the church providing the missionaries and he explained some of the things the missionaries were doing as they worked in their higher education departments. He requested that additional missionaries be sent in.

This gave me an opportunity to explore some of the challenges we had faced as we obtained visas for Eider and Sister Maxwell and Elder and Sister Tai to go into country in April and to alert him to the fact that things were slow in getting visas processed for new service missionary couples entering Mongolia. I explained that this would need to be adjusted so that we could send more in. He said he would look into the matter and the situation did improve. The request for more missionaries was sent to Elder Maxwell and more missionaries were sent in.

I initiated another meeting with the Ambassador of **Pakistan** and her DCM regarding expediting our visa application for a missionary couple which was being 'bottle necked' in country. I explained the agreement, which we had worked out, was that our missionaries would be listed as 'traveling ministers,' thus allowing them to stay in-country for a year. Elder Carmack had asked that I ask them to proceed with this plan and let it be a test for future applications. She agreed to work this through in-country and assigned her DCM to follow up and "resolve all visa problems immediately." Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't.

At that time the Ambassador expressed an interest in going to the Visitors Center. That visit led to an openness I didn't expect as she expressed friendship and determination to help in all ways possible. She and her DCM attended all our functions that year. She returned to country the following year but when visiting the United States often called asking that I join her for lunch or tea.

ISRAEL AND AN EXCEPTIONAL NEW AMBASSADOR AND RELATIONS WARM

Itamar Rabinovich has just arrived as **Israel's** new ambassador. He had been a positive force in the quest for peace in the Middle East and we were anxious to know him. Through Avi Granot, a solid friend and then Minister of Religion, later to be appointed Deputy Ambassador, an appointment was made.

I immediately felt at home with Ambassador Rabinovich. His background was as a university educator and he liked to explore and express ideas. Avi had given him extensive background on who, what, and why we were and the initial meeting went well. We spoke of our center in Jerusalem and of our love for their country.

He invited me to be on the front row when President Clinton spoke at their Embassy and to sit between him and Avi for the immensely important preview premier at their Embassy of the movie *Schindlers List.* This proved to be one of life's not to be forgotten moments.

The movie recounted a true story of a German businessman name Schindler and chronicled how he saved the lives of more than a thousand, mostly Polish, Jews by employing them in his factories. At absolute risk of his own life he kept a list of those who could not be put on the trains to the 'burning camps' stating they were none others who could provide the unique labor needed for his important defense work. The movie showed the atrocities they survived which were explicit and heart rending; the enormity of evil perpetuated upon them was palpable.

The Ambassador had advised me before the movie started that his great aunt had been on that list and Ari that his grandmother, who was still living in Israel, owed her life to this man. As the movie concluded and house lights were turned bright all in that audience sat in stunned silence. When I finally collected myself I wondered, "What do I say?" and decided that only, "Thank you for honoring me with this shared moment," was appropriate.

When it was time to select who would be our Guest Ambassador at our Festival of Lights I suggested Rabinovich to Elder Faust who thought it was brilliant. Appointments were made, materials presented and he graciously accepted the invitation.

Because of so many sensitivities, security concerns and his interest in getting the language of his presentation right, there were many meetings with the

Ambassador and his staff. That night as he joined Elder Faust in pressing the switch which illuminated the some 250,000 light adorning the grounds and showcasing the Temple he gave an eloquent speech on light and humanity and hope for the future. Deep relationships were formed with not only the ambassador but with the new officials at the Embassy as well.

A formal invitation from the Church to visit Salt Lake City had been issued to former Israeli Ambassador Shoval prior to his early departure and we reissued it to Ambassador Rabinovich. After much work with calendars it was accepted for November and all arrangements put in place. A few days before the scheduled departure he called to regretfully reschedule as he had just been informed his Prime Minister would be in DC for White House visits during that time. We understood and mutually agreed to plan anew.

The Israel Government Tourist Office and El Al Airlines had an obvious interest in keeping tourism active during these times of great tension in their country. Through Avi they asked me to lunch with them to explore ways they could let Mormons know they are welcome in Israel. This was an important, new acknowledgment, as relates to our people and of our Church as an institution.

I was pleased to join Avi and his colleague Mr. Abend, of El Al Israel Airlines and Ms. Rosenblum-Ram, Director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in New York City. As we talked of our Jerusalem Center they, too, asked why we didn't invite their citizens to visit the BYU Center and allow them to attend the excellent organ concerts they had heard of. They were surprised when I advised of our churches agreement with their government which required that we would not open the Center to their people.

This made them even more anxious to find ways to make us welcome. We spoke of our Churches interest in both religious and historical sites, our real love for their countries and their people. We parted with a new level of understanding and respect.

GREECE AND OUR NEW MISSIONARIES

The desire for the Church to have a presence in **Greece** continued as did the desire of the Greek Orthodox Church to keep us out. As mentioned, they considered any other religion in their country sacrilege and had great sway over the government who continued to make it as difficult as possible for the Church.

As Greece was not an emerging country, I was contacted only when a diplomatic solution was needed and at this time such was needed. The Area President advised that the missionaries were not only being denied residency visas but that they were also being harassed.

I immediately sought a meeting with Ambassador Zacharakis. He, again, was reluctant to grant the meeting and so I requested Senator Harry Reid and Congressman Wayne Owens to assist by writing letters to the Ambassador explaining their concerns for religious freedom. Not long after that letter was written one of our missionaries was arrested thus escalating our concerns. Efforts were renewed.

Accompanied again by Congressman Owens we met with the Ambassador who expressed that with Greek Orthodoxy their official religion and with citizens tying that religion to their national identity, he just wasn't sure what could be done. He did agree to do what he could at a government level and some of the more vexing visa problems were worked through for a time, but the harassment never abated and was of such a nature that it required a higher level of action.

I spoke again with members of our LDS congressional delegation and asked if they would sign a letter addressed to the President of Greece and expressing their concern for violations of religious freedom, which they did. I quote from a letter from the Area Presidency: "We are absolutely overwhelmed by the promptness and the content of the letter to President Karamanlis of Greece signed by eight United States Senators."

Not long after a new Ambassador was appointed and I developed a pleasant working relationship with Ambassador Tsilas. It seemed important to acquaint him with the leadership of the Church by issuing an invitation to SLC, however as a new government was just coming into power it seemed wise to let them settle in before extending this invitation.

BULGARIA, ROMANIA, CROATIA; NATIONS STRUGGLING

Bulgaria was rife with challenges. The missionaries were being asked to leave the country every few months and the church was denied a meeting place. The press was filled with negative and rather frightening stories. With a Mission President and missionaries in diverse smaller towns it was important to quiet things down in-country and when asked by the Area Presidency to meet with the Ambassador to alleviate the situation. I found

him quite unreachable and his staff was of little help as they had been told our church was a cult.

As with all embassies from the former Eastern Bloc, they had little training and their countries were struggling to put new governments in place. As they knew almost no one in power in DC, I suggested that perhaps they might wish to have an introductory meeting with Senator Orin Hatch who could also address any questions he might have about the legitimacy of our church. He agreed but then was out of town and Deputy Ambassador Stanimir Alexandrov went in his stead, which served us well as he was younger, more interesting in the outside world and more inclined to go the extra mile.

After this meeting he called to say that three members of the Bulgarian Parliament were in town and asked if he could acquaint them with others in our government. To this end Senator Hatch hosted a small reception attended by Senators Pell, Helms, Bond, Bennett, Reid, DeConcini, Durenberger and Bailey Hutchinson.

That was a powerful group and it would have taken any Ambassador in Washington a very long time before they could have "rubbed shoulders" with such distinguished Senators. Alexandrov was very grateful and tried to assist as possible. Meeting were scheduled in country for Elders Oaks and Ringger and when all did not go as scheduled further assistance was requested of Senator Reid, which was invaluable.

Working the problem through with Richard Eyre, the Mission President, he said much of the problem was media driven and suggested we might invite several of their media to a visit to our Church headquarters as our guests. Letters of invitation were sent over Elder Oaks signature and an itinerary proposed. After much back and forth a time was set and the visit turned over to the Public Affairs Office in SLC.

Simultaneous to the problems in country, the Ambassador was concerned about a rape case in Salt Lake where a Bulgarian was being held and he wanted our help in extraditing him. We asked that it be looked into and were told the evidence was rock solid and it would have to go to trial.

Things quieted down for a brief period, but then escalated and President Dennis Neuenschwander asked if the Ambassador could be invited as a guest of the church to Salt Lake City. Authorization was given by Elder Oaks and a

letter signed by him was delivered. By year's end it had not materialized and so we advanced it to the coming year.

There was also a new **Romanian** Ambassador. The Church in that country was struggling and there were many attacks on missionaries. They had to leave the country often to renew their visas and all in all it was a difficult time. The previous Ambassador and his wife had been amazing in their desire to be of help but the new one was not that interested.

When invited to attend a reception at the embassy sponsored by Operation Smile I used the opportunity for face to face dialogue with the Ambassador and his Deputy Chief of Mission. After our conversation he gave me the name of a key contact in his embassy and asked that I call him with any problems and to alert him directly if things were not worked out.

As harassment continued he explained that their new régime had no control over local communities. They could ask them to stop the harassment but could not force them. He spoke of all the challenges this new government was facing and I understood somewhat but continued to press them nonetheless. Things would get better for a few weeks and then problems would reemerge. My heart hurt for our mission presidents and missionaries.

As related in the story at the beginning of this year, at the request of Kresimir Cosic, Minister Counselor at the Embassy, we hosted a dinner for the President of **Croatia**, Franjo Tudjman and his Special Presidential Advisor on National Security, Hrvoje Sarinic.

I put together a guest list, advanced the invitation and on that night we were 32 seated at four round tables of eight in our dining room. The toasts were warm and inclusive. At the end of the evening President Tudjman was presented with a book prepared for him by the Family History Library containing his personal genealogy. He also received a history of the Church and a brass sea gull with a story of the sea gulls and crickets. The President was very appreciative of these gifts and said that because he was an avid historian he would peruse them carefully.

This gathering did not go unnoticed by diplomats from the former Eastern Bloc; that a Head of State was hosted by members of our Church in a private home put them much more at ease when I approached them with my requests.

NEW CHALLENGES ARISE IN THE LAND OF RUSSIA

Matters with **Russia** were escalating as new laws were being advanced which would restrict religious freedoms and deny different sects the opportunity to be legally recognized in country. I contacted a significant number of people and we tried a variety of initiatives in an attempt to ameliorate such action.

I also arranged to meet with the Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev and His Beatitude Theodosius, the Archbishop of Washington, in New York City at The Appeal of Conscience Foundation to speak about this proposed legislation. The Archbishop spoke of his concern that too many 'outside' religions were coming in and thought some legislation was necessary, while the Foreign Minister said he understood our concerns and would try to be of help.

Elder Oaks had asked that I coordinate the delivery of a letter to Patriarch Aleksiy II through the Archbishop. I did that and explained to the Archbishop that the letter outlined the visit of two very important church leaders to Moscow in November and requested an appointment. When this request was met with stony faces I advanced the premise that it would seem inappropriate for them to come into the country as religious leaders and not to honor the Patriarch with a visit. This they agreed with and the letter was delivered and the appointment arranged.

Elder Oaks sent a letter to His Holiness upon his return expressing pleasure at being granted an audience for him and Elder Nelson. He advised that he had told the Patriarch Aleksiy that the church would make every effort to ensure that the missionaries present the message of the church so that it stands on its merits for acceptance or rejection and would in no way denigrate their religion.

A very interesting request soon came to me asking that I meet with their Father Iaon, a priest, who served directly under Patriarch Alexsiy II in Russia and in New York. Of course I met with Father Iaon who explained that because of their years of suppression they had not been able to organize nor print any materials. Could we could provide him with materials which would tell them how to organize and conduct Sunday Schools and how to initiate religious broadcast programming. This information was conveyed to Elder Oaks who asked our Mission President, Gary Browning, in Moscow to work with Father Iaon and offer such help or materials as he could.

Diverse requests to help this country were responded to, i.e. could we arrange for a 40-foot sea carton of textbooks to be delivered to the Russian state library, get it through customs without duty and be received appropriately? We did. Could I work with the Minister of Culture to allow the BYU ballroom dance company into their country to perform? Working through Minister Potemkin the matter was turned over to the right people in Moscow and plans for the exchange begun.

Contacts and interaction were varied and always interesting and it was important to keep all doors open so I was delighted to be invited by the Ambassador to a black tie event honoring Rudolf Nureyev who had just died. The evening began at the embassy with a sumptuous buffet, followed by an exceptional evening of ballet at the Kennedy Center. On March 24th I was a guest at the gala reception to meet their new ambassador.

My work continued with Mrs. Dubinin and Children of Crisis Foundation and we spoke often though she was in Moscow. I continued to work in DC with the lawyer from Ralph Hardy's firm who had given pro bono time to help her get registered as a nonprofit organization and on a variety of issues including fundraising efforts.

Elder Nelson continued to meet with the Dubinins on his trips to Moscow and after his visit in May he sent a report which included a notation that she was anxious to talk to me and would I contact her regarding her foundation. During his visit to Moscow we had also arranged for Elder Nelson to meet with the Director of Russia's most important library where he presented them three copies of the Russian Book of Mormon and they asked for other books on the history of the church and any other text books we could spare. This request was set in motion.

Our friend, Alex Potemkin, Minister of Culture asked my help organize a benefit reception and performance of the Krasnoyarsk Siberian Dance Company. This provided contact with many diplomats from the former USSR.

SPAIN, SRI LANKA, KUWAIT, CYPRUS UPDATES

Jorge Fuentes, Deputy Ambassador of **Spain**, that wonderful man who was my first real contact in the early days of the office was being promoted to Ambassador and was returning to country to accept his new assignment. He had opened amazing doors for us and taken great risks. Pierce and I hosted a

farewell dinner in our home to say good bye. Eighteen members of the diplomatic community from nine countries attended.

Mr. Fuentes offered a toast of friendship to us and to the leaders of the Church whom he had come to admire during his visit to Salt Lake, a visit he counted as one of his most memorable experiences. He offered to be of assistance if the church needed his help in-country.

Upon learning of the death of the President of **Sri Lanka** I wrote and hand delivered a letter of condolence from the Church to be given to Ambassador Guruge.

Not long thereafter I received a call from a Buddhist Monk who I had come to know as I worked with the DC Interfaith Council. He wished to inform me of the visit of the Most Venerable Pannasiha, who presided over 7,000 Buddhist Monks in Sri Lanka. This man had been a guest of the Church in Salt Lake City in 1964 and his only request for his last night in the Washington, DC was to visit the Mormon Temple.

We arranged to meet him and his party there and were joined by Elder and Sister Jensen, Visitor Center Directors, and Dr. and Sister James Mason, new members of our International Advisory Group. The group was delightful, very respectful of our beliefs and commented on many similarities in our standards of living.

Just weeks after this visit I received a request from the Asia Area Presidency wondering if we had established any contacts at the Embassy of Sri Lanka as they were in dire need of help in facilitating the processing of visas for missionaries. I again contacted the Ambassador who knew of our letter and the visit of their most venerable Monk to our Temple and opened the door to a meeting. See how it all unfolds.

With the Brethren sensitive to the need to have doors opened before a need arose I was asked to develop relationships with the **Kuwaiti** Ambassador. The meeting was difficult to set as they saw no reason for such a meeting; we weren't a presence in their country and they were basically closed to other religions.

At last a time was agreed upon and after explaining to the Ambassador who we were, acquainting him with the names of some of our member who had worked in, with, or had an interest in his country, he said that he had now formed a favorable view of the Mormons. He spoke of seeing our beautiful

Temple on the Beltway and we talked of the possibility of him accepting an invitation to visit.

Visa problems continued in **Cyprus** and it was requested that I meet with the Ambassador and see if I couldn't work this through. The Ambassador was not responsive and as matters were escalating, and the issue more and more time sensitive, I asked one of our Congressmen with ties to the country if he would ask the Ambassador to clarify their policy regarding religious freedom.

Working this through with Elder Oaks it was decided that we should extend an official invitation to Ambassador Sherifis to be the guest of the Church in Salt Lake City. This was done but he was called back to country before years end.

SMALL INITIATES WITH POLAND, UKRAINE, BANGLADESH AND TIBET

Relations with Madame Honorata Dziewanowska of **Poland** continued and she promised to be a positive voice for our church when she returned to country. She often called me for advice or asked me to come to the Embassy to meet someone from Poland.

Upon learning of their recall to country I hosted a luncheon for her at my home and invited the wives of several other Ambassadors along with some of our IA members. In her toast that day she renewed her pledge to do whatever she could to make her country kinder to our presence. She had me come to tea at the embassy the day before her departure to meet the new ambassador's wife.

Ukraine was a critical emerging country, but our requests for visa help in-country or even meetings, were being denied. This country had been dedicated on September 12 of 1991 and the Kiev mission was created on February 3, 1992.

It was time for more aggressive action. Elder Maxwell requested that I find a way to have a letter delivered to the President and his Ministries requesting an appointment for him when next in-country. As the embassy was not responsive I worked with Members of Congress and the letters were delivered and the appointments granted.

My Contact's interest in **Bangladesh** was keen so when Frank Madsen, member of the Special Affairs Committee, brought to my attention the Golam Mowla-Fatima Welfare Trust and wondered if the church could make a

humanitarian donation to an Orphanage it supported, I advanced that request through channels. A donation of $3,000 was provided by the Church foundation to be used for the Memorial Hospital and Orphanage in Bangladesh and over time relations began to warm up.

When an invitation was received to a special ceremony held in honor of His Holiness XIV Dalai Lama of **Tibet** in Statuary Hall in the US Capitol Building I was intrigued. He was such an important, yet enigmatic figure and I was honored to meet him. The ceremony was part of the 10th Anniversary of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, a group I occasionally sat in on as there were so many religious liberty restrictions being considered in a variety of countries, which impacted significantly on human rights issues.

AFRICA GENERAL

These were times of wars, famines and internal strife. The Church was anxious to be as helpful as possible through known and reliable sources, with known and steady distribution channels.

At the request of African Churches Relief Fund and the government, we facilitated donation of $220,000 worth of clothing, medical supplies, and books for their distribution to children in Angola, Zimbabwe, and Zambia, who have been left orphaned, maimed, or homeless due to civil wars.

We received a request from the president of The Children's Fund for Southern Africa and working with Elder Perry and the Humanitarian Office arranged to ship books to the CHISA for children of that worn-torn nation. We also worked with John Roller to use books he had in his warehouse and coordinated arrangements for their transport to New York, after which Mrs. Almeida of Nigeria had agreed to transport to country.

DIPLOMAT INITATIVES WITH CAMEROON, GABON, MADAGASCAR AND MALAWI

Our diplomatic initiatives to open doors or keep doors open to that continent were both small and large this year. Without sorting through, I'll just list a few: Arranged for and accompanied Elder Lindsey to meet with Ambassador Paul Pondi of **Cameroon** to discuss the Church's registration in that country. The application was pending in the Office of the President. We wanted to ensure there would be no problems.

The Ambassador was encouraging and offered his assistance to move the application along. We asked that he send a letter to his President of his country supporting the Church in their registration which he did. Later we were able to obtain the necessary letter and visa which would allow Elder Washburn to enter that country.

Elder Richard Lindsay and I met with the Acting Ambassador Guy Marcel Ebourni of **Gabon.** We talked of our Church's desire to seek recognition. He expressed a willingness to be of help to the Church in whatever way he could. He advised that he had taken some missionary lessons that were stopped when the missionaries were transferred. I invited him to the Visitors Center and put the missionaries in touch with him.

He called me later to let me know that the Second African-African American Summit would be held in Gabon, 24th of May, and that there would be 17 Presidents of African Nations present and asked if we would like an invitation. It was my recommendation that a representative of the Church attend. The Ambassador issued such an invitation which was forwarded on to the African Area Presidency.

Continuing the process of registration in **Madagascar** Elder Lindsay and I met with Ambassador Rajaonarivelo to outline what procedures had already taken place and to seek his advice on what other actions were needed.

I met again in the next week with the Ambassador to ask him to personally contact their Minister of Interior and encourage him to publish the official registration of the Church which was required before recognition could be granted. He did, the official registration was published and recognition was granted later this year.

Through this process we became good friends and he would, on occasion, call to discuss some challenge he was facing. At one time he asked if I could help him meet some Senators who could give him some advice. Speaking of this to Senator Hatch he suggested I bring him to his office for a brief visit, which I did, and he was able to find what committee could help his country with a particular thorny problem.

Ambassador Mbaya of **Malawi** had advanced a request through us to Elder James E. Faust for medical supplies. The request was approved and forwarded to Humanitarian Services. Several conversations were held between Ms. Ivy Tembo of the embassy and myself to discuss appropriate

method for distribution of these supplies as there was much corruption in that country.

This request was still in discussion when Elder Lindsay was next in DC. He was concerned with the harsh treatment our members were receiving in that very politically unsettled country. We met with Ms. Tembo where he expressed this concern. He told her that the requested medical supplies would be available as soon as we had a registered body in the Church to receive them and assist with the distribution as this was the only way they could both be assured they were not hi-jacked. Now the ball was in their court.

OTHER CONTACTS WITH NIGERIA, SOUTH AFICA, UGANDA AND ZIMBABWE

Our visas were being systematically denied in **Nigeria.** The issue had become untenable and the Ambassador was unreachable. Working through one of our Congressional Offices the Ambassador agreed to a meeting but later cancelled because of the arrival of their foreign minister. It took several months to reschedule the meeting and many more, but some relief was experienced for a brief time.

No requests had come to us to open relations with **South Africa** until after the Drakensburg Boys Choir performed in Salt Lake City. It was suggested we begin building bridges.

Because of my schedule I asked Gloria Wilkinson to seek an appointment with the wife of the Ambassador, Mrs. Schwarz, and provide her with background materials, which she did. We added them to our list of invitees to selected events. As the Church already had a presence and was a registered and recognized body it was just a matter of keeping doors open should there be a need for diplomatic intervention.

At the request of Elder Lindsay we organized a luncheon for Aggrey Klaaste, editor of *The Sowetan*, one of the largest newspapers in the black townships of Africa. We invited Congressman Swett to host the luncheon at the Capitol Hill dining room and included others from our committee and staff. Discussions centered on the current events in-country; assistance needed, and political discussions on the transition from apartheid.

I received a call from the Embassy Tourist Attaché, of **Uganda** who we had come to know, advising that she would be in Salt Lake City prior to her return

to county where her husband has been reassigned to be the Advisor to the President. This seemed an important contact to maintain so arranged for Church Hosting in Salt Lake to arrange an extensive schedule which would give her a broad overview of our people and our doctrines, which they did.

Prior to his departure I hosted a dinner in my home for the outgoing Ambassador of **Zimbabwe** and his family. Guests included the incoming Ambassador Bernard Midzi and his family. The former Ambassador was advanced to the position of Foreign Minister in country and continued to be a friend to us.

LEGISLATION, BOARDS, EVENTS, SPEECHES

International Legislation was being proposed or enacted restricting religious rights and therefore human liberty by Eastern Bloc nations. They were moving quickly to undo registrations or not allow entry by outside religions. Elder Oaks requested that I participate, as a coalition of religious organizations were brought together to confront the legislation. I attended a series of meetings and strategy sessions, with the coalition with representatives of nine other faith groups.

These proposed changes, if enacted, would change the constitutional rights of all but the longest established religions in nations of that entire region. I brought these concerns to the attention of Congressman Tom Lantos and Robert King his special assistant, who scheduled several Congressional hearings on Human Rights/Religious Liberty Abuses.

These hearings raised the level of attention paid by those working in this field, who still did not identify restriction of religions right to assemble, preach, teach, print and publish with human rights violations. I attended each hearing and felt this was an important step, but we needed to work in-country before these proposed changes were set in stone.

In this vein, Elder Ballard asked that I work with Congressional Members to organize a meeting where quiet discussions could focus on global religious liberty and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. This was arranged. Present at that meeting were Senators Bennett, Hatch and Reid; Congressmen Crapo, Doolittle, Faleomavaega, Hansen, Herger, Istook, McKeon, Orton, Packard, and Swett; Marcus Faust, Ralph Hardy, Bob King, Frank Madsen, Ralph Mecham, Larry Werner, Steve Peterson, Kay King, Dick Wirthlin, Mike Young.

The Church legal counsel was tasked with follow up. I organized a meeting with Bill Wingo, Cole Durham from BYU Law School, Michael Young and Maren Strmecki to discuss implications on our church and others if such legislation was passed.

A plan was put in place for Cole Durham to become our eyes, ears and voice in this regard and thus he began to come to DC regularly and also offered his service to the nations working to put equitable legislation in place. I'm sure he has written extensively about this at Brigham Young University should you wish to learn more.

At this same time Elder Ballard expressed an interest in meeting with prominent LDS business leaders and experts in the fields of communications. I identified and assembled such a group for him. It was an amazing collection of keen minds; all anxious to provide their best insights and offer specific suggestions, which Elder Ballard said had been helpful to him.

When asked by **The Appeal Of Conscience Foundation** to give another presentation to our State Department Foreign Service Officers about the Church in Russia I was happy to do so and used this forum to ask that they pay close attention to dialogue on human liberty issues, of which religious rights is a large part, in the countries they were assigned to. Many were surprised that these rights intersected and though leery about interjecting religion in general, they agreed to be sensitive to this as a human rights issue.

As Chairperson of the **Interfaith/Intercultural Committee for the NCCJ** I suggested we have our Board meetings at four different religious institutions that we might learn more of that faith's principles and practice. Thus arrangements were made to meet at a Synagogue, a Spanish-speaking Catholic church, a Muslim Mosque and the Mormon Visitors' Center.

When it was our turn I asked Stake President Ralph Hardy to give a brief presentation on the Temple and our beliefs. Following the formal portion of the meeting we toured the Center and the Temple grounds. It was December 9th and the Center and grounds were aglow with Christmas. By days end those who had been hesitant about even coming into the Center were positive and relaxed, asking if they could return with their families.

At the request to me, by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation and in conjunction with the first meeting of the **Interfaith/Intercultural Education Committee of the NCCJ,** I was happy to have the opportunity to

host a breakfast meeting for religious leaders from Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, and Bosnia. They included representatives of Catholic, Orthodox Serbian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. As a result of this relationship I was asked if a prominent member of our clergy might wish to offer a prayer to open the annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Dinner. This was a major event in DC and to be so included sent an important message of being an accepted part of the greater community, so essential to our ongoing work. Richard Wirthlin, who played an important role in DC, delivered an eloquent prayer.

Monthly meetings continued in New York with RIAL (**Religion in American Life**). After one meeting Dr. Nicholas van Dyck, the head of the organization, asked me to stay over for a strategy session and long range planning with the Board. This was such a change from when I had to sit on the outer rim of chairs, not at the board table. I came to admire and love the members of this Board, constituted of the best our national business and religious communities have to offer. After the meeting, the Board Chair Rabbi Joe Glassier who is also the Head of Rabinati – USA, asked for my help on several sensitive issues.

During this time I also participated as panelist and speaker at the **Freedom Forum First Amendment** Conference, 'Religious Liberty in America: Crossroads or Crises.' The panel addressed, 'Minority Religious Practices: Where Does the State Draw the Line?' Sensitive issues examined included teaching religion in public schools, whether the state has the right to impose limits on minority religious practices and overall religious freedom. It was a very positive experience and our message was well received.

An interesting aside; the head of the Hare Krishna movement in the United States asked if he could sit beside me at lunch. Knowing nothing of what they really believed and identifying them only with orange robes and asking for donations at airports, I thought this would be a good opportunity to enlarge my understanding.

Before I could begin my questions he stated that one of his responsibilities was their Temples and the work being done therein. They were just completing two or three temples and he just didn't know what the true purpose of a Temple was and what should be going on inside. Knowing of our Temples he wondered if he could learn from us. This was a surprising question, which could only be answered by generalities, but I tried to be generous and point him to sources which explained our doctrine.

Other speaking requests proliferated and I had to turn down many but I was particularly thrilled, challenged and humbled when Dr. G. Michael Vincent asked if I would speak on the subject of Eve at the **Collegium Aesculapium Conference** in Salt Lake City on April 2.

My presentation was entitled *Mother Eve as a Mentor for Todays Woman*. This was the first time I had addressed this subject to such a broad audience, mostly men, all Doctors. It was a bright and interested audience and the subject was well received, with a few exceptions of those who still believed Mother Eve sinned. I was pleased to have the dialogue opened.

When asked to travel to Phoenix to keynote three separate Conferences comprising **five Stakes in the Mesa** area on the topic of 'The World Wide Church and Women's Place Therein.' I wanted to make the most of the time. I was even more interested when I learned that Ariel Bybee would be the guest artist. Her voice and her presence were magnificent.

These conferences were attended by more than 3000 women whose glorious spirits were palpable. Following the Conferences the lines to shake hands and exchange ideas went on for up to an hour and a strong bond was forged with Ariel. I also keynoted Women's Conference at the **Winchester Stake in Winchester, Virginia** addressing an International theme and tying the subject to our own personal responsibility. I also addressed a gathering at BYU of LDS Public Relations Professionals.

When asked to speak to a group of 40 young women who are leaders of chapters of **Alpha Chi Omega** on the subject of 'A Personal Commitment to Leadership,' I accepted as these women would be the future leaders of tomorrow. They were not an LDS group but I chose to address the changing roles of women in the world today and the importance of being committed to a personal value system.

Larry King's Show was the hottest talk show of the era and when a very negative book by a former member named Laake was receiving national play they booked her and asked the Church to send a representative. A call from SLC asked me to be that person. Had it been anyone else I would have said no as my least favorite thing is to appear on such shows. What these shows are seeking, in the name of fairness, is a foil for exploration of sensational issues and there were many such issues in this book. Laake had written about the wearing of 'funny underwear,' male masochism and priesthood dominance, provincial views of sex, just to name a few.

I arrived at the studio to find Laake and another former LDS woman representing Laakes point of view. They were confrontational, abrasive and interruptive. I was able to ameliorate their rants a bit as I sought to provide accurate insights to very sensitive issues. Many said I won the day but I did not feel so. Over the next months I was asked to interact with other media intrigued by, and reporting on this subject, but soon it died away and Laake faded from the scene.

There was also another sensational representation of our doctrines and practices on the national scene. It was a play entitled ***Angels in America*** which opened on Broadway with rave reviews. As I recall, it focused on a young Mormon lawyer announcing he is gay, his subsequent battle with AIDS and his death, and a Temple wed couple going through the dissolution of their marriage. The angel who appears at the end of the play was Moroni.

I was asked to see it when in New York and to suggest if and how we might respond. I found the play sad and demoralizing but suggested it provided an excellent opportunity for us to talk about our sensitivity as a Church to the trials all humans face and to tell the fuller story of 'our angel' and what his true purpose was. Beyond that I saw no need to address it further.

It was always a pleasure to have our wonderful women leaders visit and when Sister Okasaki was assigned to speak at a Relief Society Conference in Maryland she expressed an interest in seeing the Capitol. To this end I arranged a luncheon for her in the Senate dining room and invited the wives of LDS members of congress to join us with Landra Reid, wife of Senator Harry Reid, as our hostess. Annette Lantos, wife of Congressman Tom Lantos loved the Capitol and knew every nook and cranny and gave awesome 'insider' tours so I asked her to be our guide.

I also began developing a relationship and lunched with Caroleen Nerd, Assistant to the White House Chief of Staff. We explored how we might best have access to the White House through her offices. She offered to be of any help she possibly could.

This was also the year a cover picture and feature story appeared in December issue of *Latter-day Women in Profile* recounting some of my life and work. I never am comfortable with such articles but this was fair and quite accurate and perhaps would serve some useful purpose.

April and October General Conferences did not disappoint. The meeting with the members of the Special Affairs Committee prior to the Saturday or Sunday morning session gave both insights as to the challenges that are being faced in countries and some direction as to doors of nations which need to be opened. This April Conference Elder Packer invited us to spend an evening with him and Donna, a cherished and holy evening.

With 'Eve' ever on my mind I asked Donna to read my treatment and comment if she could. She sent a wonderful note encouraging me to move forward with the work.

OUTREACH EVENTS

Another glorious first night at the **Festival Of Lights**; our honored guests were Elder James E. Faust and His Excellency Itamar Rabinovich, Ambassador of Israel. They both spoke of light and peace and common roots and shared understanding. Ariel Bybee sang, the Mormon Choir of DC performed and the guests and their families joined in singing Christmas Carols and a chorus from Handel's Messiah. The children received small gifts as they were leaving and expressions of love and warmth abounded.

The room was filled beyond capacity with diplomatic guests and their families from 23 countries including 19 ambassadors. Congressional representative, local government officials and civic and community leaders joined them. Several local and regional newspapers and television stations covered the event and it was videotaped by VISN. The second night was hosted by the Women's International Committee. Attending that night were Deputy Ambassadors and key Embassy officials.

The **DC/BYU Management Society Dinner** continued to grow as another important outreach tool to specific countries. An intimate diplomatic reception was hosted by us, prior to the dinner, which allowed these guests to have personal interaction with Elder M. Russell Ballard our special guest speaker, as well as with LDS CEO's and Congressman.

This year twelve countries were represented, including six Ambassadors from the countries of Botswana, Croatia, India, Madagascar, Singapore, and Sri Lanka. Elder Ballard's keynote address afforded further insight into who we were as a people. For our special guests, just being able to see, hear, and dine amongst some 800 or so Mormons assuaged fears that we were somehow strange or cultish.

I suggested we continue involving wives of Deputy Ambassadors in a special activity and to this end our Women's International Committee prepared a delightful spring luncheon to which selected ones were invited. It was a grand success as 14 wives attended from the following countries: Australia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Cameroon, Hungary, Korea, Namibia, Philippines, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Tanzania, and Zambia.

Another event was added this year as I was asked by the wife of our Temple President, Rosalie King to co-host a luncheon at the Visitors Center for the International Clubs of Washington. Arrangements were made and a lovely group of congressional and diplomatic wives gathered, many of whom I had not met. Attending the luncheon were representatives of China, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Peru, Spain, Uruguay and Hungary cards were exchanged and it was not long after this that I was asked if I had access to the Japanese Ambassador, which I now did.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

As addressed in an earlier section, since the early 1980's I had been asked to give advice and serve on special committees as the Church sought to be sensitive and respond to women's concerns and needs within the church. I have watched the issues rise and fall and this year they had risen. There was a certain faction of bright and gifted women faculty at BYU concerned with not having the Priesthood, among other things, and actively articulating those concerns on campus and off. I was asked to visit BYU when in SLC; attend women's seminars and lectures and provide insights.

Elder Ballard who had recently been assigned stewardship over the Relief Society asked if I might prepare for his eyes only a working paper on the needs and challenges of women as I saw them. What emerged were four rather simple yet profound points: 1) Women wish to be given a voice and positive visibility. 2) Women wish to be valued and have their roles and responsibilities validated. 3) Motherhood and those women who value it and sacrifice for it must be elevated in the Church, in the eyes of our young women, and in society. 4) Women wish to be seen as valiant servants. It was well received.[27] You will see that the issues don't change that much from decade to decade.

Elder Boyd K. Packer had called me into his office when I was in Salt Lake last year to meet a woman he thought I would wish to know. Her name was

Lucile Tate. She was a brilliant woman, had written the biographies of Elder Haight and Jon Huntsman among others and was his friend. He suggested we stay in touch and explore issues. We immediately found common cause and communicated. I introduced Clair Johnson, another woman of deep insights, to her and subsequently to President Packer, who immediately recognized her brilliance and spirituality.

I am ever heartened by Elder Packer's profound and deep love and concern for the women of the Church. He shared with us his confidence in women as leaders and as supporters of the Priesthood; the significance of their role as mothers and of the importance of Relief Society in their lives. He also spoke at quiet moments of his visions for and his concerns about their future roles.

As time wore on we were asked to undertake certain sensitive assignments. Among them were two very specific assignments: 1) to prepare a written and verbal presentation with documentation and back up materials on the state of women in the church and in society and exploring future direction our organizations might undertake. 2) to similarly prepare extensive and scholarly materials on Eve and her role in the Garden and the impact erroneous interpretation has had. I had spoken often with him about my sorrow over the way Eve was perceived and presented and the impact that an erroneous understanding had on both women and men.

We recognized the enormity and import of such a request and the confidence that had been placed in us and worked throughout the ensuing months by phone, fax and meetings, and whenever I was in Salt Lake. These two items were to be prepared and presented during the three day period of May 27 through 29. We arrived in Salt Lake to a beautiful accommodation at the Inn at Temple Square, a two bedroom suite where we could set up a computer and continue our work. Before beginning we went to a Temple session and there in fasting and prayer pleaded with the Lord that His spirit might be with us and that we would present only His truth.

Up bright and early we entered the Administration Building at 7:45 for our 8:00 meeting (Lucile had informed us that Elder Packer considers you late if you aren't there 15 minutes early, something I wished I'd know sooner. I had made it a policy to always arrive at the time set, never early or late.)

There were seven chairs set around the table and we were soon joined by Elders Ballard, Oak and Faust. Elder Packer introduced us telling of his respect for our thoughts and ideas and then spoke of the sanctity of his home

and how few friends he invited there, related that we had been with him often in this setting as we worked these issues through. After the presentation regarding our findings and suggestions for initiatives, which might follow, there was a lively discussion with many questions.

At the conclusion Elder Packer asked if I would read aloud the poem I had written based on a talk by President Howard W. Hunter entitled "We Will Stand'. This had been written just weeks before as I awoke one Saturday morning, my birthday, and read President Hunter's talk entitled, *To the Women of The Church.* His words: "There is a great need to rally the women of the Church to stand with the Brethren in stemming the tide of evil which surrounds us" touched my soul.

I now knew that I wanted to spend my birthday; I wanted to pen a response to this poignant plea. The words fairly flowed and by evening I had completed it and sent it on to Lucile and Clair for critique. Lucile faxed it straight away to Elder Packer who called me upon its receipt expressing his appreciation. [28]

But back to that day; we still had work to do on the materials for Elder Packer as after a discussion at his home the previous day he suggested we track each of these ideas into a specific chart. We finished, printed the chart out and rushed to his home to deliver it late Saturday night. He reported back that both of these undertakings had been helpful and that at his Tuesday meeting there was more harmony and targeted discussion on these issues than had occurred previously. We were asked to continue to work quietly on these subjects.

TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

HEATHER CATLIN CAMPBELL IS BORN

The highlight, of course, was the birth of our beautiful Heather Catlin Campbell on February 3rd. She was a beautiful baby and we were all in the special 'mother's room' of Fairfax Hospital to witness the birth, my first such experience. Pierce, Marc and Ilene were there and Tom was rushing back on a plane and arrived just minutes before the birth. We were so pleased when we had her at our home for a few nights after their release from hospital. Shauri handled everything with her usual aplomb and there couldn't have been a prouder father or brother.

There were blessings and Easter and Mother's day spent with all of us gathered but this was a year when everyone was on a very personal trajectory. Tom was changing careers and was spending much time in Texas, Marc was launching his own business, Pierce was busy with his acquisitions and it seemed I was always traveling, attending events or speaking.

Where we had the luxury of the family being in close proximity for eight year we were now 'beltway' miles apart, with Tom and Marc located in Mason's Neck area of Virginia and us at Crest Lane. We missed our being as 'one.'

To attend the glorious Ballet de l'Opera de Paris as guests of the French Embassy was a lovely reprieve as was going to the Utah Festival Opera offerings in Logan, Utah in the summer. I still remember the great disappointment I felt when unable to accept an invitation from Ariel to hear her sing the role of Flora in *La Traviota* at the Metropolitan Opera because of a previously scheduled embassy dinner.

Elder and Sister Packer had an assignment in our area late May and we were delighted to pick them up at the airport. They were joined by members of their family and we had helped arrange a tightly packed schedule of our Nationals Capitol and of the Amish country for them.

This year the theme of our **Campbell Christmas Party** was 'An American Christmas.' Among the ambassadors attending with their families were those from Botswana, Pakistan, Slovenia, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. Also attending were numerous other diplomats several leaders from other faiths and members of our International Advisory committee.

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Other things may change
but we start and end with family.

The setting sun danced over the placid ocean causing ribbons of color and light. A table was set with crystal and china on the pristine white sands just steps from the ocean. The buffet was laden with the colorful and intriguing bounties of this glorious island. It was Thanksgiving evening.

Our family had flown from Virginia and Texas to Ambergris Cay an island off Belize to recreate and just be together. After a long day of scuba and snorkeling and jungle exploration we were now gathered to thank our God for his tender mercies, his generous gifts and his Divine Plan. We had so much to give thanks for.

STATE OF THE WORLD: Hungary becomes first Communist Bloc country to join NATO. Mandela becomes first black president of South Africa. A suicide bomber kills twenty one people in Tel Aviv, Israel, Russian troops cross border into Chechnya

STATE OF THE CHURCH: Church membership grows to 9 million; ground is broken for the Hong Kong China Temple, President Ezra Taft Benson dies and Howard W. Hunter is set apart as our fourteenth President with Gordon B. Hinckley and Thomas S. Monson as counselors and Boyd K. Packer as acting president of the Quorum of the Twelve. President Hinckley breaks ground for the Preston England Temple

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: Tom and family move to Houston as General Counsel for a major firm. Marc's construction business growing, Ilene firmly established in law firm. Thanksgiving in Belize with entire family, Trip to Colonial Williamsburg with Dantzel for fall colors and with the Maxwell's early December to see fabled Christmas at Williamsburg, Publication of Mother Eve article in major journal.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

This year the international work hits a crescendo and thought it might be interesting to see it at one quick glance. In the first quarter of this year I worked directly with 29 countries with specific portfolio. Meetings were held

with: *Ambassadors of **Estonia, Lithuania** and **Laos** to open diplomatic relations and address specific needs; *Ambassador of **Bulgaria** re problems with harassment, visas, missionary arrests and media coverage; *Numerous meeting with Ambassador of **China** and other embassy officials to advance issues relevant to desire to have Tabernacle Choir give concerts in their county; *Ambassador of **Thailand** to discuss pending church registration. *Met with President of **Ukraine** to discuss concerns re new restrictive laws impacting religious freedom.

*Received and advanced request for medical missionaries from **Ugandan** President. *Met with Charge d'Affaires of **Solomon Islands** to seek redress re laws restricting entry of LDS missionaries into country* Worked with Egyptian Ambassador to obtain meeting for Area president with the First Lady of **Egypt**.

*Extended invitations from Brethren to Ambassadors of **China** and **Bulgaria** to visit SLC. *Hosted luncheon for Elder Maxwell, the Ambassador of **China** and embassy staff re Choir tour, joined by Wendell Smoot. *With President Hinckley as keynote speaker invited and hosted 25 diplomats and their wives at BYU Management Society dinner. *Participated in first meeting of the White House National Drug and Drug Violence Summit.

The second quarter of the year finds me working with 24 countries. *Issued and negotiated invitations extended by the Twelve to visit Church Headquarters with the Ambassadors of **Cyprus, Egypt, Greece**. *Continued meetings with Ambassador of **China**, embassy personnel, directors of CPAFFC and Foreign Affairs Office in Beijing and Shanghai re Choir;

*Arranged and conducted meeting with Ambassadors of **Bulgaria, Romania, and Ukraine** to discuss and seek resolution of matters of registration, harassment, visa restrictions. *Relations were opened with Ambassadors of **Estonia, Latvia** and **Lithuania** to seek resolution to specific problems. *Hosted dinner in my home for these three ambassadors. *Met with Ambassador of **Egypt** to advance relations and provide updates of work of BYU archeological digs in country. *Contact with **Israeli** Ambassador re invitation to Salt Lake City and to facilitate issuance of invitation by government of Israel to President Hunter to meet with Israeli President and Prime Minister.

During the last quarter, issues of substance were dealt with in 17 countries and had contact with members of the diplomatic corps from 67 other

countries as direct result of our initiated activities. *Met with Ambassador of **China** to finalize invitation, appointments and entry into country of Elder Maxwell and others. *Met individually and collectively with Ambassadors of **Egypt, Israel and Jordan** to see if they would join together to receive Peace Award the following spring. *Meetings with and for Elder Maxwell and the Ambassador of **Pakistan** re increase in missionaries. *Arranged **Slovenian** Ambassador's visit to SLC. *Worked on developing statement re meaning of Jerusalem to our Church for use at **Israeli** Embassy and in country.

*Responded to request of **Iranian** contacts. *Missionary visas for **Ecuador**. *Worked with Ambassador and Congress re proposed restrictions of religious rights in **Hungary**. *Worked with Ambassador and Congress to facilitate recognition in **Spain**. *Met with DCM of **Mauritius** re increase in missionaries.

*Was hosted at dinners in residences of Ambassadors of **China and Morocco** Ambassador. *Organized and hosted diplomats and their families from 45 nations at Western Picnic, attended by Elder Ballard. *Diplomats from 50 nationals at Festival of Lights with Elder Maxwell and included nine Ambassadors and many other diplomats at my home to celebrate Christmas. Is it any wonder I was always stimulated and excited by the challenges and exhausted at day's end?

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED INITATIVES

CHINA INITATIVES ESCALATE

By this time relationships and initiatives with **China** had spanned six years, with three different Ambassadors and many in country leaders. The respect felt for Elder Maxwell by Ambassador Zhu was transferred to the next ambassador, Li Dayou, who became an important friend and ally. As I look through my Day Planner of this year I note that for the first six months there are few days without contact with a high level diplomat at the embassy.

Our efforts began some two years ago, to advance the use of those great emissaries of music, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, to touch hearts in that great nation, were now being given highest priority.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell had apprised me late last year of his next planned trip to China and Mongolia was in April. To this end Elder Maxwell was to be in town January 14th and asked that I organize a lunch with the ambassador. As

the Caledon Room of the J.W. Marriott Hotel was so convenient and so attractive I set the meeting there where we were joined by Bill Marriott, Nolan Archibald. Wendell Smoot, the MTC Choir President, and several others. Within days I received a letter from Elder Maxwell outlining his upcoming April visit to China and Mongolia and asking me to set up appointments. A few days later the Ambassador called me and suggested that he wished to involve others at the Embassy and in-country in advancing the 'Choir' issue.

Within days their Deputy Ambassador invited Pierce and me to dinner in his home. Though a social evening, very probing questions were asked about why we would want to bring such a large number of people in, couldn't just 50 or 60 come, and why must they come under the Church name and aegis; couldn't they just come as a cultural choir. Reasonable questions as this would make it much easier for them to comply with our requests.

Soon thereafter I delivered a personal letter of invitation to the Ambassador from Elder Maxwell to be the Church's guests in Salt Lake City. An interesting aside, by now they knew me so well at the embassy that as I was escorted into the Ambassadors receiving room someone would call out; "Mrs. Campbell is here, please bring hot water and lemon". They remained confused that their traditional offering of tea as hospitality was not accepted but honored me and my 'Word of Wisdom' reasons.

President Smoot had asked me to also deliver a letter outlining details of such a visit by the Choir and explaining his need for commitment. After some discussion the Ambassador called in key staff and we worked through what might be possible. A strong letter of support was sent to his people in China by the Ambassador requesting an April 17th reply.

The report back was negative; such a large church related Choir could not be received. In private conversation I asked one of the highly placed embassy officials what, beyond the obvious, were the main stumbling blocks. He said a part of it could be that they simply did not have enough 'handlers' for a 500 to 600 person entourage such as President Smoot had outlined and the bureaucracy was concerned with what they would be up to if left on their own. (He meant religious 'mischief.') I tried to address this issue in many ways, as I had the previous years with officials in China, but there was no traction.

I enlisted the support of Anna Chennault, the wife of the former hero general and influential in her own right, and to Don Stahlei, CEO of Continental Grain who served on a major business advisory board in Shanghai and was highly regarded. Don turned to Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State who was even more highly regarded. They advanced the issue through a number of avenues and in early June I was pleased to receive a series of phone calls from key embassy staff, including Wang Hangbou, Minister-Counselor who reported that it looked like we are back on track. With this visit now looking more than just an idea it was taken formally to the First Presidency and official approval for such a Choir tour was issued early June

The Ambassador had his staff arranged visas for Elder Maxwell, Elder Tai, their wives and Wendell Smoot to enter China in April, as requested to discuss this and other matters however they were still required to travel as private citizens and not under church aegis. Working through Ms. Li, the director of CPAFFC, their official host, we developed an itinerary for meetings with a variety of ministries for Elder Maxwell and for venue, hotel, and other sites for President Smoot. Many meetings were held but Elder Maxwell reported that matters of import had not materialized.

Early fall I received a call from the Ambassador expressing his regrets. The proposed visit by the Choir had been turned down by the Central Committee. I believe he and Ambassadors Zhu Quizhen and others who held high positions on the Chinese Governments Central Committee, and our friends in and out of the country had done all they could. I've found that the Lord often uses the work we do for one purpose to benefit another and through this concentrated effort we had developed significant, binding relationships which continued to be used for His purposes. Embassy meetings, dinners and cultural exchanges continued throughout the year.

But that was not the end of China that year. As Dantzel Nelson and I returned from a getaway at the National Institute of Fitness in St. George in November Elder Nelson met us at the door and was anxious to discuss what he said was a matter of some import. After pleasantries we settled on the couch and he related that he had just returned from Hawaii where he had travelled on a moment's notice to host the Vice Premier of China, Li Langing, who was on official business in Hawaii and had requested a special tour of the Polynesian Cultural Center. Elder Nelson felt this was an opportunity that needed seizing and so had boarded a plane and gone.

As they were introduced the Vice Premier explained that he knew the name of a Dr. Russell Nelson. He inquired if he was the Doctor who introduced Open Heart surgery to China and had flown to Beijing to perform this surgery on their most famous Opera star, thereby saving his life? He was indeed.

The Vice Premier was honored that he would come and during the ensuing day they developed a strong tie. Before departing he issued a personal invitation for him to be his guest in China.

Never one to allow a moment to be wasted Elder Nelson asked that I pursue the matter with the Chinese Ambassador and handle all details. He advised that they definitely wished to go but after the many visits to country as private citizens now they must be invited as *Apostles* of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Having been told all these years by three different ambassadors, all of whom had become friends that such would not be possible, I said I would do my best but that might be difficult. Elder Nelson assured me that it would happen and that Elder Maxwell as Senior Apostle would lead the delegation and would give me a date.

Upon return to Washington I immediately sought audience with Ambassador LI and there apprised him of the invitation extended by the Vice Premier, of their desire to accept that invitation and that while there they would like to meet with their Ministers of Education, Health, Culture and Religion.

I also told him that such a visit could only occur if they were received officially as Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints. He questioned such a possibility and I again reminded him who had issued the invitation, his Vice Premier, and suggested he speak directly with that office. He said they would begin discussion and as soon as I had a date they would try to finalize all, and then assigned a key staff person to handle details but suggested we stay in close touch.

On December 1st, when Elder Maxwell was in DC for our Lighting Ceremony, I arranged another meeting for him with Ambassador Li as Elder Maxwell would lead the delegation. The meeting was excellent however the date was still uncertain. Elder Maxwell asked that I send a letter to Elder Nelson containing all that was discussed. It was late December when I was given a date; the week of February 20th. Negotiations began in earnest.

HARASSMENT IN BULGARIA

But there were many other countries on my plate as the winds of freedom had slowed and there was a great deal of rethinking and retrenching, particularly as relates to religious freedom. **Bulgaria** is the country that comes up second with the most number of visits and entries during the first half of the year. Our missionaries continued to be harassed by citizens, picked up and taken to police headquarters, thrown out of their apartments, had visas renewal requests denied. In order to renew the visa for our missionaries, in-country, those missionaries had to travel out of country every three months.

I arranged to speak with Mr. George Peychinov, General Counsel. A briefing book was prepared and given to him outlining the continuing problems and challenges the Church was facing. I advised that a member of our Congress had been asked to look into the matter.

Mr. Peychinov said that he could handle the matter without that and agreed to intervene in the registration process, insist to proper authorities that they be given a visa allowing them to stay for one year and said he would send a note to appropriate government agencies to alert landlords that it was legal to rent to missionaries. Many landlords were under the impression, based on old history regarding churches being banned, that it was illegal.

He advised that their government was seeking ways to develop comprehensive descriptions of the religions which would be considered legitimate and safe as they were being overrun with what they considered cults. From literature they had received, we were considered one of them.

The government asked Karen Orwick, an attorney from Washington, DC, to coordinate and prepare statements on all religions going to or already existing in-country. I was asked to work with Ms. Orwick and David Farnsworth to develop the appropriate statement. The printed statement was given to Ms. Orwick. I also took a copy of this statement to Ambassador, Ognian Pishev, and discussed it at some length, as a follow up to a letter I had sent him in early January concerning these problems.

At that time I suggested that some of these problems may have arisen because the people of Bulgaria knew little about the church. I suggested an invitation to visit Salt Lake as guest of the Church be issued to the Ambassador. Elder Oaks did that and we arranged a most successful visit.

Working with Richard Eyre, the Mission President, we developed a proposal for inviting key media from that country to Salt Lake as well. This was approved and letters were sent to the three principle reporters. After much back and forth they arrived in Salt Lake where they were able to meet with key LDS business people and Church leaders. President Eyre was invited to host a TV program in-country and working with Salt Lake Public Affairs we developed eight different video programs for their use.

NEW PROBLEMS IN LATVIA, LITHUANIA, ESTONIA AND UKRAINE

New problems were arising in the fledgling countries Of **Latvia, Lithuania** and **Estonia**. Once again there were new leaders in their countries and new ambassadors in ours. Many ideas relating to restrictive religious exclusions were being advanced through their new government. I was requested to open relations with the new Ambassador of **Latvia,** Kalnins, as we had been turned down for registration after being assured that all would move forward appropriately.

The Ambassador was out of the country but with the help of Andrew Silski it was arranged that we would host him at the Visitors Center when he returned to country in April. Subsequently I held private meeting with him and mid-summer we hosted a dinner for these three ambassadors at my home.

Now there were problems in **Estonia** and with Andrews's assistance an appointment was arranged with Ambassador Ilves to discuss missionary harassment and official registration of the Church as our application for registration had been rejected. I invited the Ambassador to join me at the Visitors Center and after discussions there about the Church and its doctrine, the Ambassador said he was anxious to have the church's family values in their country. He promised to speak personally with the Prime Minister to alleviate the problems and advance registration

The Ambassador of **Lithuania,** Eidentas, was also hosted at the Visitors Center. To further develop relations with these successor States, as mentioned, I hosted a dinner for the three Ambassadors. Julie Fredrickson did yeoman work in coordinating with the three Embassies and Congressional offices to select a mutually available date. The dinner was held at my home with Senator and Mrs. Orin Hatch, Senator and Mrs. Harry Reid, Congressman Bill Orton and select members of the International Advisory

group in attendance. The Ambassadors came hesitantly and left stating they would do all they could on our behalf in their respective countries.

The **Ukrainian** government had also passed laws restricting church activities. Protests were made to Mr. Zhulinsky, Vice Premier, by the Area Presidency, but to no avail and a letter was sent to him late last year. Now the matter had escalated to a point where Elder Oaks asked that I open relations with their newly appointed Ambassador.

I seized upon the opportunity to meet with their country's President Kravchuk and Ambassador Bilorus at the Appeal of Conscious Dinner in New York in March. I discussed with them the newly passed laws which restrict church missionaries and the church's concerns. On his return to country the President mentioned on national television that he had met with religious groups including the Mormons. He also asked the Ambassador to meet with me in DC.

Searching for someone with ties to the country to join me at this meeting I came upon Mr. David Johnson a member who did business in-country. We arrived to find the Ambassador called to the State Department so met with Mr. Yaroslav Voitko, Second Secretary, and Dmitro Markov, Press Secretary. They expressed their own delicate political challenges, including property issues between the Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox church.

Later, I was able to meet Ambassador Yuri Sherbak, who along with being a physician was a renowned author and poet. He told me that as a university student he had read Tolstoy's account of his impressions of the Mormons and had long wanted to know more. To this end a visit to Church headquarters and to BYU was arranged. He was impressed and felt our Church would be an influence for good in his nation.

Additional meetings were held with the Ambassador, however because of upcoming elections in his country he felt he could do little at that time. He agreed to continue the dialogue after the elections were completed but his party lost and he returned to country. When yet another new Ambassador Botousharova arrived, I met with her to advance our concerns. She was sympathetic but had so many more pressing issues that she wasn't sure how she could help. Nonetheless they kept working and so did we.

It is always inspiring to me to look back after just a few years to see what the small seeds planted in each country have produced. As you read this

chronicle you see it was a constant struggle to open the doors, establish a Mission President or perhaps just a missionary couple in a country, and then as governments and ambassadors come and go to see the same problems arise. We again repeat the same outreach over and over. Using Ukraine as a case in point, just six year after these challenges and initiatives there were 23 branches in Kiev and a second mission in Donetsk presided over by a native Ukrainian with 19 branches, 1200 members endowed and 60 of their young people having served full time missions.

NEXT STEPS IN GREECE

The church was taking the next steps in **Greece** and was now seeking to build a chapel in which their fledgling little flock could meet. Roadblocks were encountered at every turn as they sought permits to build or purchase a building. Continued problems were experienced with the missionaries in obtaining visas and the harassment had escalated to a point where they were sometimes harmed.

Elder Oaks and the Area President asked that I pull out all stops to seek resolution of the problem. In speaking with the Ambassador he said he wasn't sure there was anything he could do as it was a matter of 'national identity'; if you were Greek you were Greek Orthodox and therefore most in the government system would attempt to thwart anyone seeking to insert themselves religiously into the country, whether asked to or not.

I told him I understood, and that we had no interest in changing that identity, only in allowing that small band of people who identified with our Church to worship freely and with dignity as was promised by a country that considers itself democratic. He suggested I might need to 'push.'

Therefore, working with Senator Harry Reid, who had bona fide in that country, a letter was written to the Prime Minister expressing concern for such treatment and was signed by nine other members of Congress. It had important impact and small positive steps began to be taken.

HIGH PRIORITY CHALLENGES IN HUNGARY, ROMANIA, SOLOMAN ISLANDS

I was asked to place high priority on **Hungary** and a meeting with their Ambassador as 70 missionaries would not be able to renew their visas and three who were set to go to country had their visas denied. In working with the Embassy I determined that a law had already been passed restricting

long-term entry visas. To this end I arranged to have the Ambassador meet with Elder Oaks when he was in Salt Lake City.

My relations with Doctor Vasile Puscas, Acting Ambassador of **Romania** continued as did our concern for the Orthodox Church's desire to oust other faiths. He was a friend, an educator, bright and interested in helping. He promised to again encourage his government to be wise in keeping religious freedom a major plank in the new government as it moved forward.

I had also been asked to open the door to the microfilming of records in that country. He expressed an immediate interest in the microfilming and while I was seated across from him called the head of the archives, Dr. Scurtu, to ask that he accord our representatives every access and courtesy.

At a follow up meeting he requested that I arrange a meeting for him with Congressman Ernest Istook, a member or our church, who he had met briefly at one of our event. He stated that because Istook had Transylvanian roots he wanted to deliver a documentary about the area. This I did.

Elder Nelson was concerned that the government of the **Solomon Islands** was out of hand denying visas to Mormon missionaries. Since these Islands had no representation in DC, the next time I was in New York I scheduled a meeting with Sam Tagana, Charge d'Affaires at their New York Embassy. Bottom line, they'd heard bad things, were concerned with our central authority and active proselyting. We went through the materials, discussing our structure, our leadership in country and the growth that comes to their people as they are called to positions of authority in their local Wards and Branches. He was surprised and interested and agreed to look into the matter without prejudice.

SEEKING REGISTRATION IN THAILAND AND KEEPING SLOVENIA STABLE

I received a call from Elder Carmack informing that the visa problems in **Thailand,** which we had resolved two years ago was holding, and the Church was now seeking official recognition; would I meet with their Ambassador to inform of that?

It was always hard to get through to that ambassador but an appointment was set. I thanked him for his previous help and a request was advanced for assistance with this recognition process. Ambassador Kasemsri explained that in their country there was a Council made up of heads of various

recognized religions and it was they who determined whether a religion was desirable or compatible.

He noted that this had been explained to our leaders in the past and wondered why we were unwilling to subject ourselves to those proper channels. I explained the inequities fraught by such a situation after which the Ambassador offered to talk with the Foreign Minister and request his assistance. I asked if he could facilitate a meeting whereby Elder Carmack might meet with the Ministry of Education. When he resisted I asked Senator Hatch to send a letter supporting such a meeting. The Ambassador requested that I arrange a dinner to give him an opportunity to know some of the former missionaries to his country. All had been set in motion but he returned home early and the up and down in Thailand continued.

At the invitation of Elder Oaks, arrangements were made for Ambassador Petric of **Slovenia** to visit Salt Lake City. The Ambassador and his wife were accompanied by and stayed at the home of Sterling and Ellie Colton in Park City, members of the International Advisory Group assigned to them. They loved skiing and reported on an unforgettable experience at every level. Key among these was his meeting with the First Presidency and Elder Oaks.

HELP WITH HOSPITAL IN UGANDA AND BOOKS FOR STATE LIBRARY OF RUSSIA

Betty Katana, wife of the former Deputy Ambassador of **Uganda** and member of the church called requesting assistance from the church for a hospital in President Museveni's home city. They needed medical doctors to oversee and provide medical treatment to one of the poorer areas of the country. The request was approved by Humanitarian Services after Ike Ferguson was able to contract, with another organization, to provide the medical doctor.

Dr. Jesse Kagimba, physician to the President was in Washington and requested an interview to press his case. As I was travelling I asked Gloria Wilkinson to meet with the doctor and assess the situation. He explained where the hospital was and the desperate need for doctors and the hospital. This information was relayed on to Ike and help and support was given.

Thing were quiet on the **Russian** front. The Area Presidency and Mission Presidents were faced daily with thorny issues but were handling them in-country. There was a request for books to go to the Russian State Library.

I asked John Roller, who still had a warehouse of textbooks that he had offered to the church, if he would see to such a shipment advising that Humanitarian Services would pay for the actual shipment of the books. Gloria saw this matter through with Elder Neuenschwander and all other receiving parties. The books reached the library and were appreciated.

It was important to attend events hosted by the Russian Embassy when invited by the Ambassador and so I did. They were always stellar, such as a concert at the Kennedy Center featuring the fabled Red Army Chorus and another, an outstanding tribute to the great pianist Van Cliburn.

Invited by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation to speak at a conference for a new US State Department officer, I was pleased to present information designed to assist them to be sensitive and responsive to US religion's needs in-country. The presentation included the special challenges the church was experiencing in Russia and Slavic nations. There was much interest as, in the past, most were not even aware that they would need to look at such challenges as part of their assignments.

Asked to begin developing relation with the Ambassador of **Japan** I searched for appropriate ways to do this and good relations ensured. Positive relations with **India** were ongoing. On May first we were guests of Ambassador Hussain at a lovely buffet dinner.

I was asked to advise the **Israeli** Embassy that President Hunter would not be able to go Israel as hoped and to extend both his regrets and his best wishes. Because this was a major event I sat down with their Minister Counselor to relay this message and outline the reasons why. They were very disappointed.

And the end of the year finds a request that I open relations with the nation of **Rwanda.** There were many other countries and many other needs but hopefully the above gives you the flavor of the work undertaken.

PRESIDENT EZRA TAFT BENSON DEATH AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS

Our work with key foreign and international press was still a subtext to our office. Alysa Hatch had joined our staff in April to replace Celia. Bright and knowledgeable she was tested early on after the death of President Ezra Taft Benson as we wrote targeted releases to be delivered to Ambassadors of 59

countries and to the foreign press of 12 of the countries located in the National Press Building.

The outpouring of condolences from our friends in the Embassy's and the press was heartwarming. We received calls and flowers, with many wanting to know where they could go to sign the Book of Condolence. The procedure was followed again as the good news of the selection of our new President, Howard W Hunter, was delivered to a like number in a like manner.

Additional meetings were held with the Korean Young Jin Kim of the *Kookmin Daily*, Mr. Yuji Yokoyama, *Sekai Nippo*; Stephen Keefe, *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*; and Mr. Reinhard Meier with Swiss newspaper *Neue Zurcher Zeitung as* Alysa assisted them with planning a trip to Salt Lake City.

OUTREACH EVENTS

It was early summer when we issued an invitation to Ambassador Maher El Sayed of **Egypt,** to be our host Ambassador at our **Festival of Lights**. In addition to the lighting ceremony this also entailed his delivering a short speech. Courageously he accepted; a possibly problematic thing for a Muslim Ambassador at a time when the extremists in his country were indiscriminately terrorizing anyone with any Christian contact.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell was our Church host. He as always was marvelous and prepared a most eloquent address, delivering part of it in what the Ambassador said was perfect Arabic. Elder Maxwell spoke of the light brought into the world with the birth of the Christ child, and told us that the gifts we can give to Him are the frankincense of faith, the myrrh of morality and our gold of personal goodness.

Ambassador Maher was very touched and echoed his own feeling of the power of that light and of all light and knowledge. He then spoke of faith and morality and personal goodness. A lifetime friend was made for the Church. Michael Ballam was our guest artist and enthralled everyone. Senator Hatch introduced our distinguished guests the first night and Senator Harry Reid on the second night.

The private reception was attended by five Ambassadors of Arabic nations with whom we had previously had no contact with, along with diplomats from some fifty other nations. I could write paragraphs about the positive

results that ensued in our relationships with Egypt. A university professor himself the Ambassador felt a particular kinship with Elder Maxwell.

The **DC/BYU Management Society Dinner** was honored to have as their distinguished guest speaker, this year, President Gordon B. Hinckley. His speech was one of openness and inclusion and was beautifully received as I recount in a letter I sent to President Hinckley, following that evening.

On any given night in our nation's Capital there are scores of events to which Embassy officials must go and yet on this night there were 9 Ambassadors and 17 key embassy officials, along with 9 members of Congress joining what I am told was some 800 of our LDS members.

Our annual **Western Family Picnic** continued to grow in popularity. While at an event at the Hungarian Embassy I was asked to join a group of five Ambassadors from various nations who were comparing calendars.

After pleasantries they said they wanted to give me the date of the annual meeting at the United Nations, which brought their leaders into New York late September, early October, as it often coincided with our picnic. They said they couldn't do both and didn't want to miss either; would we be sure to schedule around that date.

I loved that our 'picnic' had risen to a 'must attend' and we did our best thereafter, to not conflict with that UN date. This year Elder and Sister Ballard travelled to attend our picnic and were great hits. Forty three countries were represented by either their Ambassadors or DCM and nearly all brought their families.

I received many calls the Monday following expressing thanks and note these comments in my Day Planner from unexpected sources: Yemen – so impressed with the day, let us come next year. Qatar – so wonderful for the children. Romania – thank you for thinking of our families. Pakistan – you have made us forever friends. Israel – we wait for this each year. Hungary – you have a special connection with heaven.

Looking for ways to maximize the use and impact of our stellar IA committee and to create another source of contact I proposed we initiate a luncheon for the **Ambassadors Wives.** These ambassadors' wives were not only smart and interesting but were often isolated from day to day personal interaction with friends. As I had come to know them over the years I had found they

often could provide access and advance issues of a more personal concern to the staffs.

To this end I asked Donna, Mrs. Bill Marriott, if she would host such a luncheon in her lovely new home in Potomac, Maryland, as I knew many would consider it a treat to spend an afternoon there.

Our committee and staff arranged an elegant lunch. This first event brought 21 Ambassadors' wives from the countries of Bangladesh, Botswana, Cameroon, China, Cyprus, Israel, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Poland, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, and Zimbabwe. Also attending were seven Congressional wives.

The second annual Luncheon for **Wives of Deputy Chiefs of Missions** was also hosted; this year by Susan, Mrs. Marcus Faust. Attending the events were the wives of DCM's from Belarus, China, Egypt, Hungary, India, Myanmar, Namibia, Pakistan and South Africa.

As part of the **National Conference (NCCJ)** outreach initiatives, I arranged for our Board to be hosted at the Israeli Embassy and later in the year at the Masjid Muhammad mosque. The events were part of our series to promote cultural and religious understanding among the Board members themselves.

At a July Board Meeting I was asked to Chair their Annual Awards Dinner in 1995. This was their major fund raising event of the year and I knew it would be a huge job but they promised to do much of the work themselves.

This was a professional and well run organization, however, we had all been asked to look at ways of breathing fresh life into it, that it might become more inclusive and less controlled by special interest groups. I had some ideas and though not anxious to add anything more to my plate, reluctantly agreed.

My term of service with the **National Commission Against Drunk Driving** had come to an end. I had thought I would not continue if asked, but they made an excellent case and though I refused their request to accept the position of Chairman of the Board, I did agree to continue to serve with them.

My service on the **Board of Directors of Franklin Quest** continued. I found that as I grew in my understanding of their business and of the needs a publicly traded NYSE corporation and acquisitions required to meet 'street' demands, I felt of more value.

This was an important company making significant contribution. They had built a beautiful campus and were agreed on establishing a model of fairness and support. Oftentimes I felt the use of money could have been handled better but then thought perhaps I was thinking too small.

Unfortunately these concerns were real as there soon was a need to do significant belt tightening. The Board was an outstanding group with Hyrum Smith as Chairman of the Board and CEO and Arlen Crouch as President, each excellent in their roles.

Lunch with the Board members between sessions was almost as fascinating as the meetings themselves as the talk around the table turned to 'insider' issues of government, business in general; who was doing what and why. I come to know and like each member of the board and looked forward to these every other month meetings for they also allowed me to accomplish so much Church business in Salt Lake in the day preceding or following.

The Washington, DC, Visitors' Center sponsored an exhibit concerning the growth of the **Church in West Africa**. I suggested we use this opportunity to contact Embassies to provide artifacts for use during the exhibit and to invite staff at the embassies to attend.

Contacts were made with, and artifacts were received from the Embassies of Botswana, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, South Africa, Zambia, and Sierra Leone. Gloria Wilkinson also contacted Africare and Trans Africa for their assistance. Many who visited during the month were surprised and opened dialogue because of what they saw. Under the steady hand of Carol Petranek this became an annual event.

It was the **United Nations Year of The Family** and I was asked by Michael Stopford to assist him with planning for the UN's Year of the Family celebration. I suggested that he sponsor a Washington Week of the Family which would involve families for different religions. Although I was not personally involved after that, my staff handled it beautifully.

Madame Ye, wife of the Chinese Ambassador was excitedly awaiting the birth of her first grandson. Wishing to let her know we celebrated with her I hosted a luncheon 'baby shower' for her. This was an unfamiliar concept and she was charmed by it.

Astoundingly her grandson was born the morning of the shower. Gifts were bought by the guests and Madame Ye delighted in opening each one.

International Advisory Group members Darelyn Peterson, Kathy Hildebrandt, Joy Korologos, and Carolyn Shipp attended and hosted, along with Elaine Hatch and Chinese members of the Potomac Ward, Mrs. Dr. Si Ling Xiang.

Attending with the Ambassador's wife were Mrs. Wang Hongbao and Le Aimee, wife of the Deputy Ambassador. I was named honorary grandmother and long after her death the Ambassador continued to send me pictures of this beautiful child.

SPEAKING AT RABBI JOSEPH GLASSER'S FUNERAL, PUBLICATION OF PAPER ON MOTHER EVE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

There was a great concern among the Jewish Community as to vicarious baptisms being done in our Temples for their people and particularly for Holocaust Victims. I was asked to keep my ear to the ground and so spoke privately with Rabbi Joseph Glaser. We served together on the Religion in American Life Board. He held a powerful position as national head of the moderate group of Rabbis.

We spoke often and he knew a great deal about our religion, had even dated a Mormon girl in his youth. Highly respected in the Jewish community he said in a note: "Don't worry about this I understand the issue. Let me 'carry your water' on this." By that time those responsible at Church headquarters were pursuing another avenue but the Rabbi continued to speak up for us whenever and wherever possible.

The Rabbi became very ill midsummer and I was heartbroken to learn that it was terminal. We had been scheduled to lunch together in New York just weeks before but my plane was late, missing our appointment. Now I would not see him again.

I was surprised to receive a call from his wife after his death saying that he had left a note requesting that I speak at his funeral. I considered this a great honor. Uncertain as to what was expected at such a service I spoke as I thought he would like relating stories of the man I knew and the impact he had on so many lives who were not of the Jewish faith. A copy of that address is in my papers.

One of the great highpoints of the year was the publication of my talk given April, 1993 to the 11th annual conference of *Collegium Aesculapium*, a group of LDS physicians from across the continent and written of in that year.

The publication of this paper meant that the truths of **Mother Eve** would begin to circulate to a wider audience. And that indeed happened. I received more than a few calls asking if it was alright to send out to a mailing list, or to include a copy to everyone they were sending Christmas Cards to. One caller said he wanted to send 500 copies out to his mailing list.

This was important, not from an ego point, but because I knew this was part of what I had been sent to do. This paper began to be used as part of teaching curriculums at some universities and even in training of Temple workers.

I was profoundly touched when my sister in law Jessie called one Sunday evening and said the Elder Russell M. Ballard had spoken at their Stake Conference. In his talk he spoke of a woman in Washington DC who was doing important work on Eve which would help women better understand their worth. He then read the poem I had written in response to President Hunters talk, *Come Stand With Me.*

A variety of other activities is included in my notes and is perhaps of interest: A personal Genealogy had been prepared for Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky by the Church. Elder Joseph P. Wirthlin wished to personally deliver it while in DC. Appointments were set and Senator Hatch joined us as it was delivered, discussed and appreciated.

While meeting with Egypt Ambassador a need for additional funds for a particular archeological dig was mentioned. Hyrum Smith, CEO of Franklin Quest said he would contribute, and while in DC in April, we visited the Ambassador where he delivered a check for $10,000.

We were saddened to learn early April that former Czechoslovakian Ambassador Miroslav Houstecky died in Prague. We called and talked with Maria and then to our contacts in Prague asking them to take flowers and attend the funeral in our stead. This event seemed to mark the end of an era as the old guard dies and the new governments are firmly established.

I accepted those speaking request that I could fit into my calendar and which the spirit told me were important. Researching Church materials, reading scriptures, praying and pondering what the Lord would have me kept me centered in the Gospel.

Because these talks were generally on week-ends it sometimes was a sacrifice to leave Pierce, get in a car or on a plane and go and do and then return home just in time to start the next week. However the Lord was kind and generous and gave me strength and filled me with the spirit. If possible I combined family time with these week-end travels and I write of some such times in the following segment. Listed below are some of the places I spoke the first six months of this year:

Yorktown Stake Women's conference, Yorktown, Connecticut
Mount Vernon Stake Relief Society Dinner, Mount Vernon, Virginia
Multi-Stake Conferences, Glendale, Arizona, Holbrook, Arizona
Fairfax Stake Young Women's Girls' Camp, Fairfax, Virginia
Washington, DC North Mission Sister's Conference, Kensington, Maryland
Zion's Camp Single Adult Area Conference, Kirtland, Ohio
Regional Public Affairs Training Meeting,
Potomac Youth Fireside, Potomac, Maryland

TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Our personal lives continued to be totally enmeshed in the work we were doing. Each day was breathtaking both in scope and intensity. Illustrative of this, are the four days from November 30th through December. It was the day of our First Night Festival of Lights. I left my home at seven for an early morning meeting with staff for a last review of the myriad details of this two day event, dashed to the Egyptian Embassy for a last briefing with the Ambassador as he wanted to read his speech to me and he had some questions regarding protocol and receiving line.

I then checked personally with each member of Congress who had been invited to be in the receiving line to provide last minute update. It was now just past noon and Elder Maxwell and Coleen had been picked up and checked into their hotel, where I welcomed them and presented and reviewed their briefing kits. Also reviewed was the agenda for our following two day get away to Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown. Elder Maxwell and Pierce had long been hoping to take such a trip together as they were both zealous students of history.

I quickly drove home to see that all was in order to receive our guests Hyrum and Gayle Smith and Arlen Crouch who had flown in the corporate jet to be our guests as part of that evening. After checking the tables, the flowers and the food and with 15 minutes left to change into evening attire, we greeted

our arriving guests at the door, including Admiral Paul Yost and his wife Jan. Following dinner we drove quickly to the Visitor's Center for the night's lighting ceremonies and Ambassadors' reception.

The next morning I picked up Elder Maxwell for a full day of activities. We were at the Chinese Embassy by nine for our scheduled meeting with Ambassador Li to finalize details of the China visit. From there we went directly to the Stake Center where Elder Maxwell addressed the missionaries from our two missions who feasted on his words. We lunched at the Celadon Room at their hotel with Coleen, Pierce, Michael Ballam and other invited guests. By three we were at the Embassy of Pakistan for our meeting with Ambassador Mailiha Lodhi to address problems and requests for more missionaries. She was helpful and promised assistance.

It was now time to drive home and dress for our six thirty arrival at the Visitor Center for our second night lighting ceremony where we hosted Deputy Ambassadors (DCS's) and other embassy families.

I had invited Michael Ballam to be a guest in our home that night. We were just getting acquainted and I found him to be brilliant and charming. Pierce retired by ten but we stayed up to the wee hours as we talked of his experiences as a principle Tenor at the Metropolitan Opera, the medical challenges which had caused him to return to Logan, and of his dreams for the Utah Festival Opera which he had founded in 1993.

He was fascinated with my work on Eve and related how her story is background for so many characters in Opera, talked about 'Come Stand With Me' and he said he would find someone to set it to music.

The following morning we dropped him at the airport and went to the hotel to pick up the Maxwell's. Elder Maxwell's interest in history, as with almost any worthwhile subject, was penetrating; whether Gettysburg, Cornwallis's denouement at Yorktown or settlements at Jamestown, as was Pierce's.

As we passed Fredericksburg their conversation turned to the Civil War. They never stopped talking until we arrived at the Williamsburg Inn. We explored all of the historical building, did a bit of shopping which both men resisted, and returned to a lovely dinner at the Inn. Elder Maxwell hurt his back at tennis that morning so we abandoned evening plans and spent a long evening in front of the fire in their rooms, talking of lives and their travels and of the Savior and the Restoration; an evening not to be forgotten.

The next morning we travelled to Jamestown and Yorktown and marveled at their history. Elder Maxwell's back was still hurting but he walked the long walks to explore every dig, examine every canon and pursue every document in each settlement. After an early dinner we drove the four hours to home.

The following day was an early meeting for Temple workers and other invited guests in the Solemn Assembly room of the Temple where Elder Maxwell delivered a powerful sermon on the Atonement. They took an early flight home and we collapsed into our beds still on a spiritual high from all that had occurred. Elder Maxwell called the following morning to discuss the events and to thank us. How do they do it all – and why are we so privileged to share a small part in the work and the friendship, are questions I ask myself every day.

His relationship with Colleen would teach any couple about a Celestial marriage. His concern was genuine and absolute. Though his active mind was always racing and he was impatient to be on to the next 'stop,' he would even shop or explore for 10 minutes with us if it was really necessary. If Coleen were staying at our home his calls would come first thing in the morning and last thing at night. If she were riding in a separate car there would be frequent stops to be certain she was all right.

As a Tennis Player he was an avid and ferocious competitor. Often when coming to Washington he would ask if we could find him tennis clothes and tennis partners. He would awaken early, play a hard game of tennis, arrive at his meeting on time, rested and refreshed.

In February we flew to Phoenix for a reunion of what in the family was referred to as the Brough Big 10. There were nine of my ten brothers and sisters still living. With Lenore, Dessa and Blaine in Mesa we all stayed together and talked of all things family. We shared the family history work each was doing on our assigned lines. Mine was the Slagowski line and I was still searching for the father of Nicholas.

While there I also spoke at two different Stake events but this was no intrusion and the entire family, along with nephews and nieces attended.

The February weather in Phoenix had led us to think we might want a second home there with an eye on eventual retirement; something that was walled, gated, with all amenities, minimal yard and upkeep and easy access from the airport. We found a new and highly regarded retirement community named

Sun Lakes which ticked all the boxes. Byron's wife, Betty and I decided we would love to be there and in April returned again, selected lots and began to do some long term planning.

A few days after our return we boarded the train from DC to NYC with our friends the Walls for a day of media business and ensuring play. We scheduled a meeting on Friday with *Newsweek*, to discuss negative presentations of the Church. That evening and the next day we saw three Broadway plays, lunched and returned home Sunday night refreshed.

My meetings with Lucile Tate and Clare Johnson, handling sensitive assignments continued and we met each time I was in Salt Lake. Lucile was just finishing President Packer's biography and working through her husband's illness. Clare, after a serious heart attack, not diagnosed as such until irreparable damage had occurred, was in need of a heart transplant. She was doing this through Dr. Vincent who practiced at the LDS Hospital and thus had to be in Salt Lake ready on a moment's notice as a heart became available. To this end Lucile had her basement transformed into an apartment for her and her little boys and they continued apace with our assignments.

On the morning of April 4th I received a call that Lucile's husband had died. Elder Packer spoke at the services. Four months later Clare received her heart transplant. Elder Nelson was keeping tabs and called to tell me of the receipt of the heart, went to the hospital to give her a blessing, called me that night to report and tell me all was well and visited her every day.

Dantzel Nelson had been diagnosed with cancer and their daughter Emily's breast cancer had recurred. Emily's had been an amazing battle. When first discovered, she was pregnant and needed radiation, so Elder Nelson devised a shield that would protect the baby during such treatments.

Dantzel's treatments had been harsh but she invited me to join her for lunch prior to October General Conference. We decided she needed a change of scenery and that she would spend several days with Pierce and me while Elder Nelson was on Church assignment in South America.

We picked her up at the airport on October 19th, a day I had appointments with Ambassadors. Dear Pierce abandoned his business and took her for a tour of Alexandria and to lunch at one of his favorite restaurants there. That night I had invited several guests for dinner including Kresimir who brought

roses and joined us for a session at the Temple the next day. Kresimir felt very close to Dantzel as they had both been diagnosed with the same type of cancer at near the same time.

Dantzel loved history so I planned a drive through our lovely countryside to historic Williamsburg the following day where we had rooms at the famous Williamsburg Inn. When she was tired we would retreat there, stretch out and talk about family and favorite things and her life. She had an unfailing spirit of good will and optimism that was contagious and was one of the most courageous women I've ever known. We returned home for Sunday and after services arranged a buffet for some of her friends who lived nearby. The next day Pierce put her on a plane so she would be home when Russell arrived.

This period of time with Kresimir was very tender and personal. He had called me at my office and said he must come over immediately. Recognizing the urgency in his voice I cleared all appointments. He revealed that cancer had been found and expressed great concern that something might happen to him before he could record profound spiritual experiences he had held close to his heart and had shared with few.

He asked if he could use our office and perhaps someone to dictate to, who could be trusted with these sacred events. I called Carol Petranik to see if she would volunteer for this undertaking and she came immediately. I also gave him my personal memocord, a tiny hand held recorder very advanced for that time, so he could record thoughts as they came to his mind.

Just days after Christmas, December 27th, Kresimir invited several of those to whom he felt closest to his home to bear our testimonies so that he could record them and use them for strength in the coming months and so that his wife and children, who were not in the Church, could hear them. I picked up Ann and Truman Madsen who had flown in. Also in this group were Senator Hatch, Ralph Hardy, Clayton Foulger and several others. The spirit filled the room and there were few dry eyes.

Kresimir left his Embassy early most days to go to the Temple. It was a day of gratitude when he called with the good news that the treatments had worked and he had been declared cancer free.

Earlier in September Elder Maxwell again had meetings scheduled in DC. We encouraged him and Coleen to come spend some personal time suggesting that Pierce and he could spend a day in Gettysburg prior to his Wednesday

meetings. We also proposed that Fay Fletcher and I would take Coleen to Amish country for an overnight. We picked them up and took them to our home for a late supper, an overnight and a leisurely breakfast. Pierce and he reported a grand day and Coleen, Fay and I loved our stay in an Amish home.

As in the past, my schedule took me to New York monthly for my VISN and RIAL meetings work at the UN and with the National Press and the NY Public Affairs office. When meetings required an overnight, Ariel Bybee and I tried to meet for dinner, to explore ideas relating to women, the Gospel and our own personal lives.

This year, when asked to speak at a Regional Adult Conference in Kirtland, Ohio I thought it would be a perfect time to introduce that part of our history to our grandsons Matthew and Marc Bradley. They had missed each other since the move by Tom's family to Houston so it was agreed that Matt would fly in and we would have a long week-end. We departed on May 28th. The weather was perfect and the drive was great fun. We stopped early each night at a motel with swimming pool where the boys splashed and dove and played until they were ready to fall exhausted into bed.

As we drove into Kirtland I felt a sense of peace and beauty I had not experienced when I had been there a few years before. They noticed it too and were excited when given a special tour of the Kirtland Temple, including the rafters, as their ggggrandfather Benoni Campbell had labored in its construction.

We visited other sites we thought related to the Campbell family history (this line's family history was still a work in progress). That night as they were daring each other to try new dives Marc Bradley hit his head on the side of the pool. We rushed him to the Emergency Room and although it required some stitches there was no concussion just a major headache. He was a trooper and Matt kept him entertained while I was away speaking.

My major talk to the assembled group of some 500 was on Saturday. They were exceptional, desiring to be fed. On Sunday I was asked to speak in each of the sessions, Priesthood, Sacrament and Evening Fireside, all held in the Kirtland Temple. I was in awe and felt unworthy to be addressing the group from the same pulpit where Joseph Smith had stood so often, and where angels had stood. The Holy Spirit was generous in providing me with insight into what to say. It was an exceptional and holy day.

The following morning we traveled to search land records hoping to find property owned by any of the large Campbell family in an adjoining country and indeed we did. Now it was play time for Matt and Bradley. We took them soaring in Altoona, Pennsylvania, where they were able to pilot their own plane with the instructor in the back seat. They were very good.

I also went up but was not nearly as astute in directing my flight as were they. However, I shall never forget the sky and the day as we soared in absolute stillness and beauty. We visited the Hershey chocolate factory, stopped along the way for some gold panning and after another night at the swimming pool time finished our drive home; exhausted, happy and as one.

More to the story of the peace I felt driving into Kirtland; I was speaking with one of the Brethren about the contrast between the blackness of a previous visit and the tangible spirit of peace felt this time. He related that President Benson had gone quietly to that city while on a visit to the area and had offered a prophetic prayer, lifting the curse, which had been upon this city by the Lord because of the atrocities propagated on His people as they were being driven out in the late 1830's. Thus was explained this new found sense of peace.

Extended time with Marc and Ilene was hard to come by as all our schedules were wildly busy. However when they invited us to spend three days exploring the Chesapeake Bay on Marc's new 50 foot sailboat we cleared everything and on Sept. 9th departed. This sailboat had been used in the Americus Cup races. It was sleek and beautiful and fast. They were both avid sailors and Marc had always dreamed of owning such a craft. He had purchased it early in the year and sailed it up the Gulf Stream from Florida. Though we'd gone on short hops this was our first get away.

For all of us there is nothing more breathtaking than the sea and the sun and sails. I loved lounging on the netting of the fore deck with earphone in, my loved 'tenors' turned to high, revealing in the beauty of God's world and pondering His goodness. Marc taught me to sail this lovely craft and I was at the helm often. When we saw an interesting island in the distance we would change course and explore, stopping as it pleased us for lunch or dinner at a seaside eatery. What a restorative few days. Pierce had come aboard not feeling well and I was exhausted. We departed repaired.

We were all celebrators of events and so we were together for birthdays and Easter and Mother's Day. I invited them on occasion to an Embassy Gala and

we always spent Christmas Eve together. This year we went to *Christmas Carol* at Ford's Theater preceded by a lovely dinner and followed by presents.

And in every life there is the maintenance of home and property required for daily living and repairs to be made when nature impact your lives. During one of the wild summer storms, frequent to the area, a stately tree which towered over our pool was struck by lightning. It splintered and one of its large arms, bigger than most trees, fell and did major damage to our pool.

We scrambled to save what we could and to schedule repairs as we had several 'pool' events scheduled with family, friends, office and Boards on which I served. We had two upcoming retreats with poolside as centerpiece. First was our IAO staff retreat, two wonderful days of learning and sharing and playing as we prepared for the next months which were always intense.

Early morning meetings were held on the Sky Room deck overlooking our glorious Potomac; we spent our afternoon breaks at the pool, and laughed through our pajama party. The last afternoon of that retreat I stepped from the pool deck to a float, which moved, and tore a tendon. Lots of days of pain but no time to stop so just worked through it.

Early fall we had the retreat for our Greater DC Interfaith Council, with representatives of the eight faith groups who made up the council. We all became friends during that day in a 'Mormon' home as their apprehensions were assuaged. Also, we had lots of family splashing when Marc Bradley came for week-ends, barbeques for Pierce's business associates and private time with friends.

We missed Tom and Shauri and family. It had been so enjoyable and rewarding to have them nearby since they returned to DC after Tom's graduation from Baylor Law School in 1983. This year Pierce and I were able to visit them twice in Houston and Tom came to DC periodically for legal matters.

It was a wonderful feast as we were together at the lovely resort in Ambergris Cay, Belize for seven perfect days. We had all agreed that we would leave business, school, home and even international affairs matters behind and just enjoy. Most days were dive days, including three dives in one day at Turneffe. We swam under the dolphins and all divers, except me, dove the famed Blue Hole.

Thanksgiving Day we were up early and travelled by boat through the rain forests and mango groves until we reached hidden archeological digs of Alta Ha. That night, our beautiful dinner was arranged and served by the wife of our boat captain.

Anxious to see the ruins of Tikal in Guatemala the next day Marc charted a small island plane for the short hop there. These ruins are beyond description in both power and architecture. Our very knowledgeable guide took us on an 8 mile journey of exploration through their rain forest where he pointed out evidences of iron ore and other things spoken of in the Book of Mormon, though he knew nothing about that book.

Our lovely Celia Barnes, who had been such a valued member of my staff and who I had come to think of almost 'daughter', was married to Michael Benson in the spring. We attended the sealing performed with such tenderness by her grandfather, Gordon B. Hinckley. The reception after in the Joseph Smith building was an exceptional time of rejoicing with members of the Hinckley and Benson family. Pierce and I were invited by Elder Maxwell and Nelson to be at the table with them and Coleen and Dantzel.

Researching and working on Mother Eve's story was ever on my mind. Any free minutes I would slip to the back corners of the Library of Congress where sat an old Jewish scholar who would research and work with me on origin and genesis of words. I note one such request asking him to get to the bottom or the old ancient (not new ancient) Hebrew for the words 'rule over,' 'cursed,' 'cast out.'

Another note mentions a call from Elder Packer wherein he suggests I look at a paper by Joseph Fielding Smith where he suggests that Adam and Eve were *forbidden to stay in the Garden, not forbidden to eat of the fruit.* Another notation relates to a conversation with Elder Oaks who suggested the subtle differences between a law, a command, and a commandment. See my book "Eve and the Choice Made in Eden" for the outcome of all this.

Celia and Julie, who were so much in touch with the spirit of Eve, would often allow me to 'hire' them or donate their time to work an evenings or a week-ends here and there as I wrote and they put these writings into a useable format with footnotes and paging. There were always 'unusual' problems with the computers when working on Eve.

One morning, after a long evening of working, we opened the file to find it had been scrambled totally, as through thrown into air and pages and footnotes reassembled helter-skelter. I immediately called a computer repairman, who, knowing nothing of the documents contents, said: "It is not possible for a computer to do this. If I didn't know better I'd say there was a Devil somewhere inside."

We smiled and said nothing. But our experience singly and collectively had been that there was an evil force attempting to thwart and destroy the work on Eve. Satan is real – and will assign his minions to tamp down that which brings more light to the Plan. When things such as this happened I would say: "Remember we have more power than he has." We would pray and ask the Lord's intervention and get on with the work.

It is interesting to look back and see how I learned line upon line and precept upon precept. I also note that the harder I worked and prayed the more information was unearthed and the more I learned.

Pierce and I loved to plant spring bulbs and flowers. The Virginia soil and climate made it so easy to have beautiful blooms. Last year, while at Elder Packers home, we admired his Iris. They were spectacular with stalks three feet tall and bloom larger than your fists.

That fall he sent us a box of bulbs for planting. As spring came we watched with anticipation as they broke through the ground. Alas, they were small and timid with tiny blooms. Concerned we had done something wrong when next we spoke I asked about them. Elder Packer assured us that it takes two years for them to find their footing He was right, the third year they were sensational.

At a meeting with Elder Ballard prior to General Conference he asked that I give the Area Presidency as much help as possible with Cyprus and Greece. He concluded our meeting by saying that he thought President Hunter should hear me read my tribute "Come Stand with Me'. My thought, "I should not intrude on his time," but before I could utter it he had picked up the phone, called President Hunter's office and in what seemed like seconds I was standing before him.

President Hunter wasn't feeling well but was warm and welcoming. When I told him of the impact of his speech on me, and that this poem was based on

that talk, he expressed how often he wondered if his messages were reaching our hearts.

What an honor to be in his presence. His charm was without parallel. I recall at a luncheon for an Indian Ambassador, President Hunter got out of his chair, came to my seat and whispered: "Had I known you were going to be here I would have switched place cards so we could talk".

Though Conference is always an exceptionally busy time for the Brethren they seemed to always find time for a personal moment. That year Elder Ballard invited Pierce and me to his home the Monday evening after April Conference, There we shared pie and ice cream and had great conversation as we got to know both he and Barbara at a personal level. They are charming, down to earth and delightful.

At October Conference Elder Nelson brought his daughter Margie to sit beside me. Young, beautiful, talented, she was looking at what to do next with her life. I loved getting to know her. That Monday evening we were invited to spend an evening with Elder Nelson, Dantzel and some family and friends. Dantzel is an exceptional hostess, her cooking is without parallel and Russell makes everyone feel they are the only person present.

That Saturday Elder Maxwell had come from the stand to meet Tom and TJ who came to attend a session of Conference with me. He inquired where they were going for the Priesthood Session and when told to the local Ward he suggested he might find a couple of tickets and if they would meet him at a certain door they could join him and his 'boys.'

We were than invited after the session to the Maxwell home for desert and conversation with their entire family. There the discussion was on the messages of that evening and of the day. To watch Elder Maxwell guide us all through the key points, without appearing to do so, was revelatory. TJ's comments to me after were: "Awesome, Grandma, awesome."

Also at that time I interviewed missionaries for our DC office and selected Elaine Barnes, an exceptional woman who was putting her life together after a divorce. After a few months she and Alysa Hatch approached me saying that they had a chance to go to London for a long week-end and as we had nothing scheduled, could they go? They worked so hard and we had so many 16 hour days I said yes. That Tuesday I received a call from Elder Ballard

asking what it was I didn't understand about being a 'mission president.' I said almost everything because I didn't think I was one.

He said as long as these missionaries work under you and no one else, that is your role and it seems to me that London is a bit out of your mission boundaries. I met with the real mission president after that to learn all the rules. How he found out that they had gone I have yet to understand.

Whenever possible during these times in Salt Lake, singly or together, Pierce and I visit Heather's gravesite to leave flowers and just say hello. Oh how we miss her. I also tried to do a Temple session whenever in Salt Lake as that is the Temple where we were married and it seems like home.

Fall is football time and as I was speaking at a variety of events at BYU during that time I note that I was invited to the President Box to watch a game. There is nothing like the beauty of such a day and the Box was filled with those who loved the game, among them President Hunter. I thought how Pierce would have loved this experience.

When we returned from Belize I knew it was time to begin preparing for Christmas and for the decorating to begin. The part about this process Pierce loved was selecting the tree. We spent long delightful hours on a Saturday afternoon traipsing through tree lots until he found the perfect one. At that time we still insisted on live and at least 12 feet tall. With tree in place Miguel and Touey pulling all the boxes from storage, and each evening I would be atop ladders hanging garlands on all the windows, mirrors, stairs, and anything else that stood still. The tree took four of us to string the lights.

Pierce would absent himself until the last garland was hung, then he would come in and enjoy, but I could see the pain in his face of unmet expectations of those early years, when there was no Christmas.

From the outside looking in others' lives often seem untouched by challenge, but every life has been etched with sorrow, hurt and disappointment. In the early years of our marriage Pierce's resistance to participation in the preparations of Christmas caused much angst. However, once I finally figured out what was at the root of his 'pull back' I loved him all the more for wanting me to do all that I wanted, in preparation, and for his willingness to participate joyously in the celebration.

Our gala Christmas party was perfect, with all the traditions of previous years honored. And so another year ends.

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Fear not, for they that are with us are more than they that be with them...
And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man,
and he saw and beheld the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire.
2 Kings 6:15-17

The massive French doors in the Receiving Hall were opened to the unusually balmy February day and the white silk hangings, some 20 feet long, were billowing in the breeze. Seated at the head of the room were the Vice Premier of China, Elders Neal A. Maxwell and Russell M. Nelson. The place: Beijing, China. The locale: Diayoutai Guest House, where official guests of the Chinese government are received. Here, for the first time in China's recorded history, apostles of the Lord were being officially recognized and received as Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There was an immediate sense of good will and common cause as these three powerful men spoke together as educators, leaders and concerned humanitarians. As the dialogue moved forward I became aware that that Hall had become a holy place. You could feel the Lord's love for His children in China.

As my eyes were drawn upward, following the floating clouds of draperies, I sensed the presence of unseen beings. The story of Elisha came to mind. As you may remember Elisha's servant was alarmed as he saw the entire Syrian army. Elisha reminded him that they who are with us are more than they who be with them.

STATE OF WORLD: Israel and Palestine reach an accord giving Palestinians in West Bank the right to govern themselves. Yitzak Rabin, Israeli prime minister assassinated in Tel Aviv. US reestablish diplomatic ties with Vietnam. Space shuttles Discovery (US) and Mir (Russia) rendezvous in orbit. A huge earthquake hits Kobe, Japan

STATE OF CHURCH: Nine million plus members. President Howard W. Hunter dies. Gordon B. Hinckley set apart as fifteenth President of the Church. New temples announced for Bolivia, Boston, Monterey, Mexico, Venezuela, and Palmyra, NY. Henry B. Eyring sustained as Apostle. President Hinckley reads "The Family; A Proclamation to the World" to RS General

Conference in September. The International Olympics Committee selects Salt Lake as the sight for 2002 Winter Olympics. New Church logo featuring the name of Christ more prominently is released by Church.

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: A year filled with exceptional highs and many losses. This new year begins with our family on a ski trip in Deer Valley. We lost dear Claire Johnson, Kresimir Cosic, Emily (Elder Nelson's daughter). Seldom off a plane but much accomplished.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Another breathless year best understood by looking at these bulleted highlights: First quarter organized and/or attended: *Historic meeting in **Beijing** with Elders Maxwell and Nelson. *Set appointments in China for Elder Eyring. Church Commissioner of Education to **China** as follow up to initiatives of our visit. *Meetings between **Latvian** Ambassador and Senator Hatch to seek resolution and return of Mission President to country, issuance of missionary visas, etc. *Meetings with **Lithuanian** Ambassador re recognition and visas. *Meetings with Deputy Ambassador of **Bulgaria** re recognition, harassment, visas. *Initiated and hosted diplomatic reception for President Packer with 22 Ambassadors in attendance. *Special guest of Ambassador Hussain Beniassa at reception for King of **Morocco**.

Second quarter organized and coordinated: *Visits to SLC for Ambassadors of **China, Cyprus, Estonia**. *Meetings for Area Presidency with Prime Minister of **Mauritius.** *Assisted **Polish** Ambassador and wife with Breast Cancer Awareness Benefit. *Begin work of Humanitarian donation of imaging machines for same. *Worked through Ambassador of **Thailand** re upcoming visit of Elder Maxwell. *Initiated and arranged for Ambassadors of **Egypt, Israel** and **Jordan** to receive Peace Award jointly at NCCJ dinner. *Worked with various members of congress and others to alleviate problems in **Greece**. *Arranged and accompanied to Visitors Center government dignitaries from **Russia, Mexico** and **Columbia**. *Arranged appointments for Elder Oaks with government officials in **Bulgaria**: *Hosted luncheon attended by 21 Ambassadors wives. *Hosted luncheon attended by 22 wives of Deputy Chief of Missions.

Third quarter: *Worked with Ambassadors of **China, Cyprus, Estonia, Japan** and **Latvia** to finalize trips to SLC. *Worked with Acting Ambassador

of **China** to approve and release 88 visas for BYU teacher. *Arranged release of 22 passports for 13 students going to Jordon. *Assisted Ambassador of **Estonia** in business contacts. *Hosted dinner in my home for Ambassador of **Botswana**, attended by 7 other African Ambassadors. *Met with Ambassador of **India** to extend invitation to be Ambassadorial host for Festival of Lights, which he accepted. *Final on mammography machines and Doctors and technicians to **Poland** to teach use of same. *Organized and hosted diplomatic reception for MTC concerts at Kennedy Center in DC and in New York.

Fourth quarter: *Organized and hosted our two major outreach events, the Western Family Picnic and the Festival of Light attended by diplomatic representatives from 84 countries. *Began organizing visits to SLC of Ambassadors of **Argentina, Egypt, Israel** in conjunction with the Utah Centennial Celebration. *Substantive and targeted meetings with Ambassadors of **China, Sri Lank, Japan, Latvia.** *Met with Heads of State of **Estonia, Ethiopia, and Swaziland**.

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED ACTIVITIES

The work of the kingdom was ever expanding. Relationships had matured and trust built however for every problem solved two new ones emerged. We continued to reach out to more ambassadors, or new ones as there were changes at embassies and in governments.

We were asking them to address specific problems our Church faced in their countries and to seek resolution at the highest levels of their governments. Our experience had taught us that if these ambassadors were to speak about us with full voice and vouch for us with clear resolve they needed to have a personal experience with our Church's First Presidency and at least some of the Council of Twelve Apostles; they needed to see our Church's international headquarters and visit our university and experience our people.

This year an unprecedented number of invitations for Ambassadorial visits were extended as new invitations were proffered or previous ones renewed. Because of ongoing initiatives in-country it was important that I accompany most of them on their visits to Salt Lake City, that I might share in their dialogue, be certain, questions I knew they had, but which would likely not be

asked, were addressed and that we would all have a common point of reference on their return for our continuing dealings. Pulling all the moving pieces together for just one such visit required extensive and intensive work and which my staff and I did gladly but not without frustration and prayers. When there were eight or ten such visits in the works these challenges became magnified.

Near years end, in response to a request from the Public Affairs committee, I began working with the Utah Centennial Celebration committee (1896 was the year Utah entered the Union) to coordinate theirs and our invitations to Utah and the UCC to Ambassadors for the coming year. Ambassadors who, for reason of their countries central politics, couldn't accept an invitation from a Church were glad to have this invitation from the Centennial Committee.

Others who we had not seen reason to invite to Salt Lake, but would wish to have become acquainted with our leadership and who were invited by the Committee, were made know to us. We were able to plan an appropriate add-on to their routine agenda. By that time, nine Ambassadors who had been invited by the Centennial Committee had called to advise that they would like to meet with the First Presidency of our Church as part of that visit.

THE PATH THAT LED TO CHINA AND THE VISIT ITSELF

With the advent of the New Year my negotiations for the scheduled trip of Elders Maxwell and Nelson to Beijing **China** for the third week in February began in earnest. Daily I spoke with the embassy, the CPFCC who were setting up appointments in-country or with their government officials. It was challenging for them and for us as this visit was breaking new ground. At last all pieces and players were in place and the itinerary approved. However, when I received a call early February asking I come right away to the Embassy to meet with the Ambassador privately, I knew there was a bump in the road.

The Ambassador ushered me into his private office and advised that all was in place for the visit but our requirement that Elders Maxwell and Nelson be received as Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints had been taken to the highest levels of the Foreign Office and its premier committee had voted it down. I offered a silent prayer for the right words

and was impressed to ask that he take it back to the Vice Premier, saying I knew we could find positive resolution to this. He came back to me four times advising that his foreign affairs officials had said they must come as private individuals, not as religious leaders and asked that I take this up with Elder Nelson. Four times Elder Nelson advised that such was not acceptable.

With all else on the plate of this Ambassador I knew this personal attention was exceptional. Just six days before the scheduled departure, he called me to his office again, gave me their final schedule including firm appointments with the four key Ministers I had requested, and explained that Elder Maxwell and Elder Nelson would be received by the Vice Premier with all honors, but not as Apostles. Again I offered a silent prayer. Again I was prompted to graciously decline the invitation saying that our church leaders could not come as less than they were.

Three days before the scheduled departure the Ambassador called to advise that all was in order for them to be received as Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and I feel to my knees to thank the Lord for his intervention.

I was certain that such a concession was based on the respect that was felt for Elder Maxwell and Elder Nelson, built over long years of contact and friendship; and "after all we could do" the hand of the Lord had intervened. To the best of my knowledge, few if any religious leaders, not pledging allegiance or at least tipping their hat to the rules of the official China Christian Church had been officially received to that date.

And now let us continue with the introductory story: Our party was received at the official guest house of the Chinese Government with pomp and ceremony. Vice Premier Li Lanqing was waiting at the end of the long red carpet to greet them and our party.

After formalities we were escorted into a magnificent room and the four principles were seated at the front of the room, with interpreters standing behind them. The dialogue was most cordial as Elder Nelson and Maxwell discussed ways the Church might help the Chinese people and advised of their appointments with the Ministers of Health, Education, Culture and the State Bureau of Religious affairs.

Elders Maxwell and Nelson outlined ways the Church might help the peoples of China by bringing teachers, doctors, educators, and other service

missionaries into the country. The Vice Premiers listened with great interest and animated conversation. He asked his staff to let those Ministers, Elders Maxwell and Nelson would be meeting with, know of his support of suggested initiatives.

At meetings with the Minister of Education it was agreed and arrangements were begun for teachers to come in, under the sponsorship and name of the church. (BYU teachers were already in China under that aegis.)

The Vice Premier asked his staff to assure that the arranged meetings with the Minster of Health went forward and with Elder Nelson taking lead at this meeting, arrangements were made for medical teachers in Universities.

At the meetings with the Minister of Culture, discussions centered on future cultural exchanges, i.e. Tabernacle Choir visit and other such activities. The Vice President for the People Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, our host, spoke of the need for her people to have a greater understanding of how things were done in other countries. Elder Maxwell quietly noted, and later arranged, for a series of one year scholarships to be given, for a period of time, to this organization.

The outcome of this visit was incredible at that time and place in the history of the Chinese people. Gifts were exchanged, luncheons held, meetings were profitable and on the final night I arranged a dinner with Elders Maxwell and Nelson as hosts. The attendance was unmatched and included the Doctor to whom Elder Nelson had first taught open heart surgery.

Speeches were graciously made and through them we learned Elder Nelson was revered and valued by the leadership of China because of his service to their people at a time most important to them. The trip was momentous and filled with absolute assurances that the Lord's spirit was hovering over those people

Elders Maxwell and Nelson asked if I would assist in follow up with the Ambassador on initiatives and our two major proposals as advanced during the visit. This I did.[29]

The behind the scenes work of dedicated people is often missing from such summaries such as the hundreds of hours of scheduling, rescheduling, keeping on track, selection of appropriate gifts with appropriate inscriptions, briefing books on the Church, that had to be prepared and transported. My

staff was amazing, spearheaded by Julie Fredrickson who was my China country specialist at that time, but aided by all. Pierce took charge of the large bag containing all gifts and materials and Maxwell and Nelson laughingly referred to him as the "bag man."

Each day after meetings I met with our in-country organizers to be sure all was set for the next day, identified all who would be at meetings so I could prepare Elders Maxwell, Nelson, Carmack and Tai. In between I handled protocol matters, planned the dinner hosted by Elder Maxwell and Nelson, obtained addresses and got invitations out, met with staff, did seating arrangements and on and on. Needless to say I fell exhausted onto the plane home and slept most of the way.

But this trip was equally hard for Dantzel. She had pneumonia and thought she couldn't come, but Russell said he needed her there and so she fought through it all and was at every event needed. Coleen was equally amazing and ever thoughtful to others she appeared at my door one morning with a gift of a pin I had admired that she was wearing. It depicted Noah's Ark and the animals; and on another day a beautiful mirror backed by centuries old shards of pottery.

Following the Ambassador's return to the United States in the late fall (he had been recalled as a statement to our government because of a 'tiff' the two governments were having), his office requested a meeting with me. I went to the Embassy immediately as I was anxious to see him and be updated on what was happening in-country.

He advised me that there had been very positive discussions with government officials following our visit and that he hoped we could move forward with the various initiatives discussed with the various ministries. He also asked if I would arrange a meeting with members of our Congressional delegation as he felt that during this time of relatively warm relations between our two countries he would like to reach out to them and apprise them of what was happening. I quickly arranged a breakfast meeting on Capitol Hill in Senator Bennett's office, which was attend by Senators Hatch, Reid and Bennett and Congressman Istook, McKeon and Orton.

At a later meeting, he asked about the Hong Kong Temple and suggested that it would be prudent if I might keep him informed of its progress. I told him of the events surrounding this Temple dedication and asked who he would

suggest be invited to a special viewing at the time of its Open House. He suggested a letter be sent to the Vice Premier Li, Ambassador Zhu Quizhen, and the Ministers of Education, Health and Religious Affairs along with Wang Hongbao and Li Ziaolin. He stressed that it would be important that we advise them of the long presence of the Church in Hong Kong.

AMBASSADOR OF EGYPT, ISRAEL AND JORDAN AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION AWARD

Another outstanding highlight and historic event occurred this year involving the Ambassadors of **Egypt, Jordan** and **Israel.**

As related in the previous year, I had been asked to chair the Annual Awards Dinner for the NCCJ. Upon acceptance I proposed adding a new award to be called the *Conflict Resolution Award* as we had spent much time that last year revising the NCCJ mission statement and Conflict Resolution was now a primary plank. We had also officially changed the name of the organization to the "National Conference" that we might include all religions.

The dinner was scheduled at the time of the Middle East Peace Accords. I had met often, individually and collectively, with Ambassador Maher El Sayed of Egypt; Ambassador Fayez Tarawneh of Jordan, and Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich of Israel and knew of their quiet work together in seeking solutions to this conflict, having been allowed the rare privilege of joining them as the only outsider at such a meeting.

I also knew of their significant roles in the Accords Meeting themselves and so I proposed the award go to the three of them. This would also allow us to invite their colleagues in the Ambassadorial community to the dinner. Being acutely aware of decades of conflicts the Board did not believe these Ambassadors ever spoke, much less would stand on a stage together to receive a joint award. I knew it would be a risk for each of them but I also knew their hearts.

From my perspective this dinner would allow us to achieve two objectives: 1) enhance the status of the National Conference by recognizing international government representatives; 2) show the international community that our Church is involved with the greater ecumenical community.

I felt if I could get El Sayed to say yes I would have a better change with the others so met with him early on and he agreed. The meetings with Jordan

and Israel were a little tougher but in the end they were persuaded. I selected as our theme for the evening "Pride without Prejudice, a Celebration of Diversity."

It was a dance keeping all committed as each day there was some new crisis in the negotiation or in their countries. I had spoken with all parties the morning of the event and though there was concern, they all agreed to be in their best form.

However, upon my arrival at the Sheraton Hotel for the reception I found all three there with their entourages, but each in a different part of the room with backs turned to each other. I was immediately set upon by Ambassador Tarawneh who said he would not stand with Rabinovich as they (Israel) had crossed a line (I don't even remember now what that was, I believe some trouble on the West Bank). Maher said he was supporting Jordan. Israel said they would do what they had to do.

I had gotten very good at quickly offered prayers and the Lord was so generous in getting me out of difficult situations. In this case He just said, "You do know their hearts."

I asked if the four of us couldn't just go into another area and talk. Reluctantly they agreed. I said this night was not about retaliation, but about conciliation and discussed all the other Ambassadors and dignitaries who were in attendance, the purpose of the dinner and remaindered that what they were going to do was historic.

It was now time to be seated and so they reluctantly agreed but said they wanted to go on the stage separately. I said, "Let's just see what seems right at the time of the award." I had enticed Ariel Bybee to be our guest artist for this event. They knew and loved her from her appearances at our Festival of Lights and when I asked each of the three honored ambassadors the name of their favorite aria they had told me.

After a very pleasant dinner Ariel's glorious renditions of their favorite opera arias touched their hearts and following my glowing introduction of them they came forward as I announced their names. I asked them to come on the stage together and they graciously did from opposite sides, standing quite far apart. As the award was presented it required them to come forward and I reached out and clasped my hands with theirs placing them on the award. They smiled at me with a little irony but were gracious diplomats.

Now, I know that what was occurring in their countries was not child's play and that they as Ambassadors had to be very sensitive to every nuance as it was not just how their actions would play in America, but how it would play to the radical elements in their countries, which always seemed to be teetering on the edge of war. I considered this act and their actions heroic and I shall always be in awe of these three glorious, good men each trying to find solutions to centuries old conflicts.

I truly came to love them during their stay in Washington and each maintained contact with me over the years though they went back to their nations as highest level ministers in their own governments. Needless to say the dinner was a grand success. Twenty-two Ambassadors attended the dinner at our invitation including the Ambassadors of: Azerbaijan, Algeria, Bolivia, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Eritrea, Estonia, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Morocco, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Malawi and Belize and doors opened wider.

GLOBAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ISSUES

Global Religious Freedom issues continued as newly freed or emerging nations were drafting, and enacting legislation, directed at what religions would be allowed to come into their countries or, if already in, would be allowed to stay. There was grave concern among all religions and we continued to work with a wide variety of groups.

Elder Ballard asked that I set up another discussion to address these matters with the LDS Congressional Delegation in response to their expressed desire to be kept up-to-date on the status and concerns of the Church as appropriate to their activities. It was an excellent meeting with all members of the delegation present except for Eni Faleomavaega, American Samoa, who was out of town. They made suggestions, agreed to look into matters as relates to work they were doing on committees affecting countries addressed.

Elder Oaks also requested that I continue to meet with the Religious Coalition of nine faiths organized to deal with the issues of Russian religious restriction legislation. As his eye and ears I attended Congressional Hearings on Human Rights/Religious Liberty Abuses called by Congressman Tom Lantos.

Professor Cole Durham represented the European Area and presented an excellent testimony. Cole continued making himself available to legislators in those countries to help in drafting of their new laws along a democratic model. At that time, BYU Law School, under Durham's direction, set up a program to invite law makers from the Eastern Bloc and other countries to a seminar on the subject. This became a yearly event and has done much good.

THE AMBASSADOR OF CYPRUS VISITS SALT LAKE CITY

There were many visits with Ambassadors to Utah this year but the one that brings the most delight to my mind is the week-end with Ambassador Jacobvides and his wife Pamela from **Cyprus**. The previous Ambassador had hoped to make such a trip last year but was recalled. There were important issues so we were all pleased when the new Ambassador accepted.

We travelled together on July 27th where he spoke at BYU that afternoon, took the Alpine loop home and that night were hosted at dinner by the Governor and other businessmen. We were glad to return to the Inn at Temple Square and say good night. I had advised them of the non-smoking policy at the Inn, but in the morning I was called to the front desk as someone had complained of cigar smoke emanating from our floor. What to do?

Our day began with meetings with Elder Oaks and Holland where they discussed our church organization and told him we had 1 couple, 8 single elders and 100 members in their country. The Ambassador discussed the Cyprus/Turkey problem but said he would do what he could to allow more in-country and possible other accommodations. That afternoon they were hosted at lunch with some of the Brethren, and then taken on a tour of welfare square, temple grounds and other places of interest.

I slipped out to spend a couple of hours at our Brough family reunion which was taking place in Ogden and when I returned the Ambassador was pacing outside the Inn. Someone had told him he couldn't smoke his cigar and he couldn't relax without it. I used this as an opportunity to explain our Word of Wisdom and then offered to walk and talk with him each morning and evening while he smoked his cigar in the fresh air.

True to my word, that night after dinner we walked the perimeter of Temple Square, him smoking his cigar and filling me in on the challenges he faced as

both Ambassador to the UN and to the USA and me gaining valuable insight into the region and the challenges.

The next morning he was waiting for me on bench outside the Inn with cigar in hand and that ritual continued for the remainder of the trip. You can build a lot of good will in pleasant walks in pleasant settings.

They had also expressed a wish to see Indians and Cowboys. There was a Western Jubilee outside of Logan. We spent the day there, saw the UFO Opera, had dinner with distinguished guests, and rose the next morning to attend the Tabernacle Choir Broadcast. They departed soon thereafter, but all in all it was a smash and he, Pamela and I laughed about cigars each time we met.

This was the year that the Ambassadors of **Egypt, Israel, Latvia and Argentina** traveled to Salt Lake City where each visited Church headquarters and the surrounding area. Each visit was profitable.

FROM BULGARIA TO SWAZILAND

The harassment and expulsions continued in **Bulgaria.** I arranged for Elder Oaks to meet with their ambassador. The Ambassador traveled to Utah and yet little progress was made. I was tasked often to press our cause and Mr. Petkov, Deputy Chief of Mission was my key contact.

When Elder Maxwell notified me that he would be visiting Sofia in May and wanted to meet with a key government official I went to Mr. Petkov, who, even though the notice was short, secured a meeting with Mr. Stephan Staikov, spokesman for the Deputy Foreign Minister. The other topics of concern surrounded the need for us to be registered in Plovdiv, which was being held up and our missionary visa/passport difficulties.

Mr. Petkov was called back to country, but promised to bring the issues before the highest level officials as the new Deputy Foreign Minister, Stanimir Alexandrov, had been the Deputy Ambassador in Washington and someone we felt was fair in his effort to help us. He told me at our last meeting that he would personally undertake initiatives towards resolving the missionary visa problems, yet even with this friend in-country, harassment at the Provincial level continued.

Ambassador Sebele of **Botswana** who had been our advocate with his fellow African ambassadors had completed his assignment and was returning to country. I felt that we should bring his fellow African Ambassadors together, many of whom were new, that they might feel confident in working with us as a Church and therefore scheduled a dinner in his honor in my home.

Those attending included Ambassador Cabral of Guinea-Bissau, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador Seydou of Niger, Ambassador Midzi of Zimbabwe, Ambassador Dhanapala of Sri Lanka and their wives. There were two Senators, an Apostle and several CEO's. Everyone had a splendid time and a letter I received from Mrs. Midzi said her husband had told her they must leave early and yet they were the last to leave.

Ambassador Sebele, in his toast (always with sparkling cider) thanked us for what we had done and meant to him, promised to try to be a help in-country and suggested to the other Ambassadors that we were friends and could be trusted.

Ambassador Dhanapala of **Sri Lanka** after knowing me for only three months asked if I would come and meet with him. During the meeting he outlined their government's need for an Honorary Consul General in Los Angeles. He wanted to find someone of the Mormon faith because of the integrity and standards of our religion, as he had come to know them, during his short time in DC.

I suggested to him this might not be the best course of action as tea was their major export and we didn't drink tea. He said that was not a problem however noted this would be an unsalaried position and they would have to cover their own expenses. After clearance of several names of attorneys, in California, which I provided to the Ambassador, no further action was taken.

Another fortuitous visit was that of the **Japanese** Ambassador. I was able to set all in motion, but was travelling so didn't spend the time with them as I generally do before a trip. Alysa handled the details beautifully and they were already in Salt Lake when I arrived.

I found Ambassador Kuriyama and his wife to be without peer. Steeped in all the grand traditions of their country they were bright, astute and generous. Upon their return Mrs. Kuriyama, who hosted one of the great Salons in DC, included me in her circle of friends which allowed important access as well as friendship. This proved to be important when I received a call from

President Hinckley's office early the next year, regarding immediate help, they needed in that country.

Our relationship with Ambassador Tarawneh of **Jordan** and his family was a delight. Their residence was not far from ours in McLean and Mrs. Tarawneh would call and on occasion visit me at my home. So when we received a call from Rodney Boynton of BYU requesting our assistance in obtaining visas for their nursing students, as they could find no way through the system, I felt we had a friend in court.

I had Gloria contact Mr. Ayman Aamiry, Counselor to the Ambassador. He, in turn, contacted the Visa Office and called back to assure that things would proceed, all he needed was a complete list of names. Needless to say the BYU Nursing Program Director was relieved and pleased when she was able to pick them up at the visa office all ready to go.

Elder Maxwell asked if I would arrange a meeting for him with the Ambassador of **Pakistan** that he might discuss a need for increase in the number of missionaries being allowed in country. We had met with her last year and she had come to our Western Picnic last fall and was a delight. Elder Maxwell was warmly received. She called staff in and she said she would try to help with more missionaries. Elder Maxwell offered the assistance of the church if the Ambassador thought it was needed.

Additional meetings were held with the Deputy Chief of Mission Naqvi to this end and he opened doors to the Foreign Ministry in-country. This allowed the Area Presidency to move forward and we were able to step down.

Elder Maxwell had included **Thailand** on his upcoming trip as we were still trying to work through the boycott of our church by those religious bodies in-country who voted on which religions could come in. The Ambassador was not helpful, so I asked Senator Hatch's office to assist in obtaining an appointment in-country for Elder Maxwell, with key ministries.

The Senator's office suggested that the Church's in-country leaders meet with the new Minister of Education, when he is appointed. Senator Hatch contacted the United States Ambassador to Thailand. Ambassador Lambertson's office arranged an appointment with the Minister of Universities and noted they could arrange a meeting with the Permanent Undersecretary if Elder Maxwell thought it was needed. I don't have notes on the outcome, I only know that the Queen and her entourage accepted the

invitation of the Church to come to Salt Lake and that the issue of our Church's acceptance in that nation was ongoing.

Religious persecution of missionaries and members in-country and visa restrictions had by now escalated to such a point in **Latvia** that it seemed important to emphasize the need for intercession at the highest level.

I asked Ambassador Kalnins if he would be willing to join me in Senator Hatch's office. Bill Wingo, Legal Counsel for Europe Area Presidency joined us. The Senator explained our nation's concerns for human rights, which included religious rights. The Ambassador said that if we could prepare a document for him, outlining this principle, he would give it immediate action.

Bill and I prepared and I delivered such a statement to the Ambassador. Senator Hatch also sent a letter to the Ambassador explaining that the letter could be used as he met with officials in-country. Not long thereafter the Embassy provided support for several residency visa applications.

The **Lithuanian** Ambassador had called me to ask if I could help him meet some businessmen, such as the Marriott's, as they so desperately needed new companies to come in if they were to rebuild their country. We were experiencing the same visa and other problems in that country as in Latvia and so I arranged a luncheon with Don Ladd, a Marriott Vice President and chair of our Special Affairs Committee.

An informative discussion was held regarding the Ambassador's needs and contacts were put in place. With that portion of the meeting concluded we asked if he could shed some light on the visa problems we were faced with as our missionaries were asked to leave that country regularly. The Ambassador promised to help and called me the next day telling me that he had already begun work on the problem.

I note a report in my papers to Elder Maxwell regarding a particularly interesting four day period where I was not working on targeted issues, just responding to invitations from an amazing mix of countries to important events. On October 18th I was special guest at a reception of the **King of Oman**, attended a dinner at the home of the DCM of **China**, Mr. Ni, and that same night received a call from the Ambassador of **Swaziland** to be certain I would be present to meet their King.

The following night I was a special guest of the Ambassador of **Estonia** at his dinner for the **President** of their nation. As I was speaking with the President he pulled from his wallet a faded and wrinkled picture of his father standing in front of a building in Salt Lake City. He asked me what that building was. It was the Temple. He was very touched and said if there was anything he could do for us to let him know.

The night of the 20th was a private gathering by the Ambassador of **Ethiopia for their Prime Minister**. This was the evening I was to pick up Elder Holland from the airport for a round of meetings the next four days. Because his plane was late I rushed to that reception first, in case there were further delays. When I returned with Elder Holland the Prime Minister spotted me, left the receiving line, bowed graciously to us both, and took us under his wing where he expressed an interest in going to our Visitors Center, which I immediately arranged.

BOARDS, EVENTS, SPEECHES

This year the eleventh annual **DC/BYU Management Society** was held; now a major event both for our LDS community as well as for the diplomatic community. Each year someone who had made major contributions to business, industry or religion was honored.

You can imagine my surprise when I was advised that I would receive that award jointly with President Boyd K. Packer. The joy for me was always in the work, not in the awards, and I must say I felt very conflicted about being the recipient, especially in such haloed company. President Packer delivered an outstanding speech. Twenty Ambassadors attended and twenty-six other countries were represented at the highest levels at the private reception we had arranged for President Packer prior to the dinner.

That night as I was introduced, there was a standing ovation. I could not believe it. The response to my brief remarks was overwhelming and love filled the room to overflowing. Tom had flown in from Texas and Marc and Ilene were also there. I knew Heather was in attendance as well

Many country representatives advised me during the evening they had come just to see me received the award and afterwards sent glowing letters of congratulation. The Ambassadors from Hungary, Lesotho and Sri Lanka, who had recently arrived, attended. Other Ambassadors attending included

Botswana, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Kenya, Lao, Lithuania, Moldova, Namibia, Poland, Sierra Leone, Slovak, Slovenia, Swaziland, Yemen and Zimbabwe. The Deputy Ambassadors or key Embassy officials represented included Brazil, Gabon, Israel, Mauritania, Mexico and Romania.

Elder and Sister Packer stayed at our home that night and we were doubly honored. The work leading up to the DC/BYU dinner is always intense but with Elder Packer coming we had to find time to put in a few spring flowers. We hadn't had time to plant bulbs last fall so Pierce and I dashed to the nursery, loaded our trunk with pots of blooms, hurriedly planted them in the areas in front of our fountain and though not looking like his, they added a bright spot.

Saturday morning began with a walk down to and along the Potomac to revel in its beauty and to see the dogwood tree planted in memory of our Heather. Conversations were about families and homes and his delight with his dinner companions, the Ambassador of Egypt and China and their wives.

Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone represented Church leadership at the **Western Family Picnic** for the diplomatic community. Nineteen Ambassadors attended, plus numerous deputy chiefs of mission and other key embassy personnel and their children from 29 countries.

This is such a delight for the children, joined by their parents who for this day are in jeans and boots and western hats, as they ride stage coaches, square dance and feast, all events designed to showcase our own history. This year BYU dancers performed in Western attire and the lovely lady Ambassador of Costa Rico showed us how to do the "Macarena." Three Ambassadors approached me to show off boots they had purchased on visits to Texas so that they would be properly attired for our picnic. This event is doing so much good at every level, including fun.

I was so pleased that Ambassador Siddharta S. Ray had accepted our invitation to be the host Ambassador for this year's **Festival of Lights**. It was a joy to meet with him several times to discuss the event, his role in it and in the pre-reception for other Ambassadors and members of Congress and his comments. He is another of those 'lovely men' I have come to admire.

He was joined by Elder Marlin Jensen of the Seventy's as there was a schedule conflict with the assigned Brethren. The Ambassador gave an inspiring speech, reflecting on the similarities between his people and

members of the church. Ambassador Ray had met many of the Twelve, and the Relief Society President during his visit to Utah and he commented on their not being there and asked that he be remembered to them.

Pierce and I attended the **Appeal of Conscience Foundation Dinner** with Elder Richard Wirthlin as official representatives of the Church. As Chairperson for the **NCCJ Interfaith/Intercultural Committee** I hosted the Board at the Visitors Center on December 9. Stake President Ralph Hardy gave a brief presentation on the Temple and our beliefs.

This year had been an amazing follow up to the program started the previous year. Again I arranged for each of our quarterly meetings to be hosted by a different faith group. At this, our final meeting of the year, understandings had emerged and where there had been coolness and a bit of distrust now there was warmth and friendship.

Marla Folger, advisory board member, hosted the luncheon for 16 wives of **Deputy Ambassadors**, including attendance by five Embassies that had not participated in any IAO event. They were Great Britain, Malawi, Thailand, Togo and Tunisia. Other Embassies represented were Belarus, Cameroon, China, Egypt, Lesotho, Myanmar, Russia, Suriname, Uruguay and Yugoslavia. Mrs. Logan from Great Britain expressed appreciation for the attention being given to the wives of Deputy Ambassadors and appreciation for the courtesies extended to them. Positive relationships had been developed as evidenced by the statement by Mrs. Ramzy of Egypt, "I'm amongst family."

In late May, Mrs. Donna Marriott again hosted the second **Annual Luncheon for Wives of Ambassadors**. This was a friendly and open afternoon. Joyce Bennett, wife of Senator Bob Bennett, entertained the guests with her magnificent flute. Twenty-one Ambassador's wives attended the luncheon. Several were new to the United States and this luncheon was their first public event. It was special for them. Those attended included: Cameroon, China, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Kuwait, Laos, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, The Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Slovak, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

I co-hosted with Rosalie King, a luncheon for a group of congressional and diplomatic wives from the **International Clubs of Washington.** In attendance were representatives from China, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, and Hungary as well as wives of six Senators.

The **Mormon Tabernacle Choir** was presenting a concert at the Kennedy Center in DC and also in New York. They asked that we invite diplomats as did we. Many were on summer hiatus but none the less it was a great evening and a great success.

The **Franklin Quest Board** meetings were bi monthly and I attended regularly.

Media Contact: Several events were scheduled for foreign news agencies which I turned over to Alysa Hatch, my press person to execute: *Advanced President Hunters visit to Mexico from our end by contacting the Bureau Chiefs of three major newspapers in Mexico and providing press releases and packets re Church in Mexico. *Targeted press releases were sent to offices in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama. *Coordinated a trip to SLC for Mr. Piero Di Pasquale, of Italy, to write about the Church Genealogical Library; *Arranged a media tour to Salt Lake for MTV Hungarian to learn how religious leaders communicate with youth, a major problem for the Hungarian State Church; and escorted Yuji Yokoyama, Sekai Nippo of Japan, to the Festival of Lights.

TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

This was a year of endings and beginnings, of constant travel, amazing highs and sad good byes. I flew into Salt Lake on the 7th of January in response to an invitation from the Nelson's to travel with their family to hear Elder Nelson deliver a major address at BYU. When I was shown to my room I found a beautiful basket from them filled with every kind of treat and fruit. Their van arrived soon thereafter, already filled with family.

I was surprised to see dear Emily, she had been so ill, but ever brave she looked lovely and was wearing a dress brought by her father. You could see the pain etched on her face with each bump in the road. Elder Nelsons speech was exceptional, focusing on family relationship and extending exceptional tributes to Dantzel and Emily. The following day was filled with meetings including a late lunch with Dantzel and Russell where we reviewed details re the China trip.

A few days later Pierce and I arrived at the Franklin Quest retreat house in Deer Valley for some family time. We were excited with the treat of calling this loved edifice home for the next 5 days. Newly constructed it was perfect

with its soaring ceilings, fireplaces, beautifully furnished with many bedrooms. Family and invited guests began arriving. Marc and Ilene flew in from Virginia and immediately hit the slopes. Tom came in from Houston on Friday. It was Pierce's birthday so we surprised him with dinner at his favorite restaurant and tickets to a Jazz basketball game.

The next day was about friends, Dantzel came for lunch, Marc and Ilene had given Pierce a pass for snowmobiling for his birthday so we spent a glorious few hours in the late afternoon exploring virgin snows. Unable to tell which was trail and which soft snow when it was my turn to drive I veered too far left and the snowmobile tipped to its side nearly buried in the soft snow. It took a bit to upright it and we felt watched over when we were told how often such moves can have more dire consequences.

Ariel Bybee arrived on Friday morning and we immediately went to the 'Bunny Slope' for refresher lessons. Such fun, but she soon graduated to the lifts. I didn't. While all skied the next day I handled international matters and Pierce made his famous chili. Jesse, Pierce's sister and Gordon Bowen from NYC came. (Of course there was NY business to do with Ariel and Gordon). We prepared dinner together and played, "How to Host a Murder". Tuesday we said an early morning good bye.

On the way to the airport we stopped by 47 E. South Temple to pick up Elders Maxwell and Nelson's passport to take to Chinese Embassy for issuance of visas on my return. We then drove to the Bountiful Cemetery to leave roses for our Heather.

On the 18th Elder Faust was in DC and I took him and Dr. Driggs to see the Egyptian Ambassador and hosted them at our home. The workload was heavy as the dominos were falling, all through the former Eastern Bloc countries and in African nations, as chronicled in reports, but this section is about family and friends.

Kresimir called to advise me that his white count was very low and was concerned. He also asked if I would help get letters of support sent to the NBA as he was being considered for induction into their Hall of Fame and wanted to get this done while still well enough.

On the night of the 24th, just as we were leaving for a black tie event as guests of the Moroccan Ambassador we received a call from Elder Nelson advising that Emily was not doing well. The next day Elder Maxwell called to say that

she had died. I boarded a late afternoon plane on the 31, after a full day of meetings, arriving late at the viewing, but so grateful to be of some support. The funeral was tender and profound. Most of the Twelve were on the dais. Emily's little children clung to Elder Nelson and he was amazing with them. The following day I went to Elder Maxwell's office to deliver and review more materials on the China trip. There was Elder Nelson, saying it was easier to work through the grief than to stay unoccupied.

February was consumed with a myriad of religious liberty issues, but I was pleased to deliver an address to the DC Temple missionaries, host a shower for Alyssa Hatch at my home and a dinner for our lovely missionary couple who were leaving.

Elder Maxwell called me in to express concerns for a health scare re President Hunter and what we would do if they had to call off trip to China. After discussion he said Pierce and I should go on but as you can see from my story all were able to make the trip and it was a resounding success.

March was filled with Embassy events. We started this month with a lovely event in the home of Ambassador and Mrs. Beniassa of Morocco. The dining room was filled with low banquets where we were seated on piles of cushions, and served Moroccan style.

On the 3rd we received word that President Hunter had died. How much we will miss him. We had much international press work to do in this regard. That week-end I flew to Fort Lauderdale to speak to a Tri Stake Relief Society Conference. On my arrival home Pierce told me that Kresho was in the hospital in critical condition; no visitors were allowed, but he had asked that I come. I went straight from the airport. He had much on his mind regarding spiritual matters and we talked until the nurses insisted I leave.

On the 30th I departed for General Conference for meetings with Pres. Packer and others. The honor of being at the Solemn Assembly and to raise my hand to sustain President Gordon B. Hinckley as Prophet, Seer and Revelator will never be forgotten. Another honor, this was the first Conference where women stood to cast their sustaining vote.

There were several meetings and on the 6th I spoke at BYU, and then back to DC for 2 days of hard work before Hyrum Smith's plane came to pick Ralph Hardy, Ariel, Bud Stoddard and myself to go to Tuachan to participate in the dedicatory events for this amazing natural amphitheater. They were

outstanding and to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir sing in that setting was amazing. The day was windy and cold but the spirit was ever present with President Hinckley making introductory remarks. This amphitheater has been designed to allow tourists coming to see the Grand Canyon to experience a bit of our history along with an evening of entertainment. We were home on Sunday night and the following weekend I had a bridal shower for Alyssa Hatch who was leaving to marry Jamie Whitlock.

It was a great pleasure to speak to the Chinese Branch filled with exceptional and dedicated Chinese intellectuals, primarily from mainland China, who have come to the Washington area for professional reasons. They were anxious to hear how our Apostles had been received in their homeland and excited to be told that they had been treated so well.

The next day I was informed that Kresho was even worse and that he needed an immediate liver transplant. He said to me: "I wants to think of nothing but spiritual things but can't think well" so I took my portable CD player w/earphones and many MTC discs and spent much of that evening with him before departing next morning to speak in Van Neys, California. My return to DC was timed to allow Pierce and me to be at the farewell dinner at the Ralph Meacham's for Ellie and Sterling Colton.

I had that day received a call from Monseigneur Peszkowski asking if I would receive a Polish Journalist who was being an enormous help to him in his work for the victims of Katyn Forest Massacre both in Russia and Poland. She arrived on the 29th and was a guest in our home for weekend where she told me of the courageous and heroic work Peszkowski was doing.

He was being followed constantly by the secret police both in Russia and Poland and there were threats on his life because he was exposing the truth of that Massacre (you should find something about it in my papers, if interested.) That is why she and her camera traveled everywhere with him; they were less likely to do harm if all was being recorded. I sent him our best and she promised she would do a positive piece on the Church in Poland upon her return.

May began with dinner with Swiss Ambassador, someone we hadn't known and who was of interest to me as my grandmother, Rosina Rindlishbacher, was Swiss. The next night was the NCCJ Awards dinner, a smash event, reported on earlier.

The following weekend there was a silent auction at the Polish Embassy fund raising dinner for the Polish Breast Cancer Fund and one of the offerings was a week for two at the National Institute of Fitness in St. George. Since Franklin Quest had just purchased that facility I didn't want it to go without bidders so placed my name and price on the bidding sheet and was very surprised when my name was announced as winner. I wasn't excited and put its use on the back burner until Dantzel told me late summer she needed a getaway. I told her about NIF and we set a date and we would go together.

It never gets easier when the week of May 11, the date of Heather's death, comes around. This year Pierce and I spent the day in the Temple. Mother's day and my birthday follow and Tom and Marc are so sensitive. Marc had a lunch to celebrate both events at a delightful restaurant in Alexandria.

On 15th Kresho kidneys collapsed and he was taken to Johns Hopkins to see what could be done there. Either Pierce or I drove over each day to lend support to him and his family. In the next few days there were many diplomatic events that must be attended such as the dinner for the President of Zimbabwe and a speech I had long ago agreed to do for a Stake in Charlotte, North Carolina. I returned to find him in and out of consciousness with tubes seeming to come from every orifice.

I was allowed to see him for just a moment and he whispered that he couldn't die without talking with 'Brother Hugh.' He was referring to Hugh Nibley. I knew the Nibley's disliked travel but called and apprised them of the situation and said there would be a ticket waiting for them at the Salt Lake airport ticket counter if they would come.

They agreed and Pierce picked up them up at Baltimore airport at 1:00 in morning on 21st and took them directly to the hospital. Upon Hugh's entry into the hospital room Kresho roused from his coma and tried to stand. I could barely hold back the tears. I thought with Hugh there Kresho would linger. He and Hugh and Phyllis had time together the following day and he seemed so much better.

During his time Hyrum Smith's beautiful young daughter had been killed in an auto accident. I felt I must honor her and the family with my presence at the funeral. I left immediately after hosting an Ambassadors wives luncheon for the St. George funeral and rushed to catch an early plane back on the 25th. Upon arrival in DC Pierce told me that Kresho had died at 9:30 that morning.

When asked what I could do, the Priesthood holders and friends who had been his strength through all this, especially Ron Harrison and Folger, asked if I would like to purchase his Temple clothes for burial. I was honored.

By now Ann and Truman Madison, who had been his other 'Church Parents' at BYU, a relationship that continues on, were there and so I left all family matters in their hands and worked with his Embassy on protocol.

Kresimir was being taken to his native country, Croatia, where he would lie in State and receive a hero's burial. Yerka, his wife, wondered how that would work with Temple clothing. I spoke with the Area Presidency for Croatia and they advised Kresimir should wear a white suit while lying in State; that they would come from Frankfurt to be of such assistance as they could and would attend to the robes at the closing of the casket.

And now it is June. I travelled to Salt Lake to be with the **China** delegation and back to DC to host a dinner in my home for Elders Oaks and Eyring. The following day was filled with meetings with Brethren re country challenges in their areas of responsibility.

Pierce had not felt well for some time, in fact was suffering from chills and severe pain and depilating sweats, but would not see a doctor. (Not unlike most men). Recognizing that things were getting worse I told him he had no choice but to lie down in the backseat of the car and I was taking him to Georgetown Emergency Room.

They admitted him immediately, started intravenous antibiotics and in three days he seemed to be rallying so he was sent home. The same scenario played out the next week. By July 12th I knew we were in serious trouble and asked that our primary care doctor, Oscar Mann, meet us at the hospital and oversee his treatment. He had considerable clout and could get you any doctor or procedure you might need. He was very concerned as well and issued many orders.

A dinner had been arranged at our home that night with the Chinese Ambassador as honored guest. A distinguished list of dignitaries had rsvp'd yes. Tables were set, flowers in place and the caterers had passed the deadline for cancelation, however, none of this mattered at the moment and for the first time in ten years I cancelled a major event.

Pierce was in intensive care and a little after midnight Dr. Mann suggested I go home as he seemed to be doing well. I arrived back at 5 in the morning and was met by a young intern who excitedly told me he had never seen anyone go into rigor before. I was inquiring as to what he meant when in rushed Dr. Mann who had spent much of the night there. He advised that sepsis had set in and Pierce had gone into toxic shock. They thought they had lost him, but the worst had passed.

It was a long ten days before Pierce could come home and thus continued a series of significant health challenges which had first become apparent on the plane home from China in 1994. They never were able to get to the bottom of it. Dr. Mann said he must have total rest for a period of time. Pierce was not a good patient in that regard but he was an excellent patient in that he never complained, was always positive and ever considerate. He insisting that I keep all scheduled trips and commitments as we had an excellent live in couple who could see to his needs.

Serving on the Board of the Utah Festival Opera meant I not only needed but wanted to see the operas being presented and attend their annual board meeting. I combined this with a trip with Franklin Quest Board meeting July 22nd. Just a week later I was back in Salt Lake to host the Ambassador of Cyprus as related earlier.

In August Pierce was feeling a bit better so we took Matt and Bradley to Kings Dominion (an amusement park similar to Disney World only smaller). Summers in Virginia are never good, but this was awful, 110 and so humid you felt like you were in a steam bath. The boys didn't notice and had a wonderful time; as for me I realized I was getting much too old for this and anytime I could find a bench I watched them on their rides.

The following day I left them with Pierce to finalize all preparations for diplomatic reception prior to the MTC performance. Their performance was exceptional and loved by all. The day following we attended a special lunch in my honor at home of the Cyprus Ambassador, then on to NYC for meetings and putting all in place for MTC UN diplomatic reception.

The end of the month found us car shopping. It was now time to retire my antique Jaguar which Tom and Marc had so lovingly restored, but which wasn't always reliable. We settled on a Seville, as Pierce said it met my needs.

Sept 6th I flew to Houston to speak at a tri-stake RS Conference. It was so good to be met by Shauri, Heather and Michael. They've grown so much. I was delighted to be able to visit Heather's dance class and to spend time doing puzzles with them all. TJ was playing Junior Varsity basketball. Robert as a 7th grader had convinced his mother to let him play football. Matthew was just taking swimming and TV games seriously and Michael turned 5 and had major surgery in August to correct his pectus excavatum. What a brave guy. He entered Kindergarten at Highland just weeks later.

Tom had formed his own law firm, Campbell and Graves, in May and took me to see his new offices and Shauri had just been called to be Primary president; a very busy family all doing all the right things. I am so proud of them. That Sunday I spoke in Tom's Ward and it was a family affair as Tom and TJ also spoke and others prayed and passed the Sacrament.

I was back in SLC for the FQ meeting on 11th and to assist in hosting Japanese Ambassador and to be at their meeting with the First Presidency on the 12th and on to BYU where I spoke. The 13th finds me on a plane to NYC for RIAL meetings, dinner with Ariel and Don Stahlei re. UFO, and plans for NYC hosting committee patterned after ours in DC

I was called to SLC on the 14th for meetings on some sensitive issues and back to speak at McLean Young Women's Conference on Mother Eve just days later. I am always impressed with the strength of our young women and always felt that serving in the Young Women's program was one of the best callings in the Church. And not to miss out on some time with Marc, we went to dinner and the revival of *Hello Dolly* at the National Theater.

Elder Maxwell called us the evening of October 8th and asked us to meet him at the Washington D.C. Temple in our Temple clothes on Sunday evening. He inquired of our worthiness but said nothing more. We were there at 6:30 for one of the most unforgettable evening of our time on earth.

Former Ambassador Dubinin and Liana were in DC from Moscow and Pierce and I were excited for personal dinner with them. They reported on all happenings in-country. Joined by Hardy's and Michael Goldstein, we discussed the future of her Children of Crisis Foundation, which was doing much good but not nearly all she had hoped.

As reported on earlier Elder Holland was in DC to become acquainted with Ambassadors as his new assignment was oversight for these activities. He

stayed at our home and that night after meeting with the Ethiopian President we put our feet on ottomans and I shared with him some of the sensitive issues we were dealing with and he shared his thoughts and feelings on these and other events.

On 21st we received the heartbreaking news that beloved Claire Hardy Johnson had passed away after her valiant struggle with her new heart. She has been a constant and steady sounding board and partner as we've worked on a variety of projects concerning women's issues and for me a personal role model, brilliant scriptorium, advocate for women, unshakable supporter of the Priesthood and amazing mother and wife.

President Packer called and said he would fly to California to speak at Claire's funeral and that Lucile Tate would accompany him and that he was going to speak about the three of us and our worth to the Church in his address; Claire, Lucile and myself. The tribute was amazing. I arrived the night before for the viewing and time with her family of ten boys. Because I had a major speech to give over the week end, took all materials with me and absented myself immediately after the beautiful services.

Back in Salt Lake on October 28th, I was met by Dantzel and Russell and overnighted in their home preparatory to our early morning departure for the National Institutes of Health. What a great week, however, I was exhausted. Dantzel did everything on schedule. Sometimes I just couldn't get up for the five a.m. walk.

Each day I spend two or three hours on IAO matters and working with staff but mostly we shared and talked of Emily and Heather, her life, her cancer, her girls and of young Russell. Feeling much more fit and a few pounds lighter we returned home on Saturday, stopping at Cove Fort. Russell had prepared dinner, updated us on all happening.

November11th found me back in SLC for FQ meetings and I used this as an opportunity to visit with Hugh and Phyllis Nibley. We spoke of Kresho and reviewed the materials they had and discussed how they would like them handled. Brother Nibley took me into his room where he showed me the hundreds of stacks of papers and books he was reviewing for the new book he was writing. Oh, to have just a tiny portion of his knowledge. Because of my work on Eve he was excited to share with me new information he had

found in the Egyptian Book of the Dead and the meaning of veils as used in Temples. I suggested he send just that portion to President Hinckley.

Thanksgiving was great day as Marc and Ilene and Bradley and Pierce and I cooked Thanksgiving dinner together and then on to the theater with Marc and Ilene to see Andrew Lloyd Webbers *Music of the Night.* The next day Elder Nelsons daughter Rosalee Ringwood and children arrived at our house. She had been able to get away for the week-end and had much she wanted to do. so on Saturday I entertained her delightful children while she visited friends and went to Temple. I loved having them.

The Festival of Lights was a glorious success with 40 Ambassadors and 8 Deputy Ambassadors attending the first night. The second night was equally outstanding.

AN UNWELCOME ENCOUNTER WITH EVIL FORCES

As I have been writing this I have been pondering how and what I should write of the spiritual help I received, as promptings and support from the other side of the veil were almost constant.

At the March 2012 General Conference Elder Richard G. Scott spoke of such matters and thanked his dear departed wife, Janine, for her support that day and explained how often he is helped by her and others. He noted that when prayers are answered one should acknowledge and use the information wisely.

I also have been pondering and praying about how much and what I should relate in this written history regarding struggles with the adversary as he and his minions have often sought to impede my work and drag me into darkness, as he does with all of us. That question was also answered by another General Conference speaker who spoke of the reality of evil forces and our ability to have power over them

I will relate an incident that happened this year as a reminder that we know not when or where one will be attacked, and to acknowledge the protecting hand and power of the Lord in this as in all things. This event stands as a constant reminder to me that we, if we rely on the powers of the Lord, are more powerful than Satan or his minions, but we must be ever vigilant.

On this particular night I was a guest in a home filled with the spirit and headed by a powerful priesthood holder. I retired to the lower level guest room. As I reached into another room to turn off a light the hairs on my arm stood on end. I had sensed this feeling before and knew it signaled the presence of evil.

Not understanding how it could be felt in this home I quickly closed the door and proceeded to bed. After a few hours of sleep I awoke to the presence of an evil, grossly distorted presence. It felt as though he was trying to slip into my body as one slips into a tight pair of jeans.

The room was black, the air heavy and the sense of evil was the strongest I have ever felt. I quickly arose and turned on the light, but the darkness did not dissipate. In the name of Jesus Christ I commanded the evil spirit to leave, knelt and prayed aloud, found my scriptures and began reading aloud. After about an hour the room had cleared and I felt safe to go to bed.

As I was beginning to slip into sleep the same thing happened again, however, this time the attack was even stronger and my ability to fight off this evil presence seemed lessened.

I followed the same procedure of commanding in the name of my Savior, prayer and scriptures, but it was some two hours before the room cleared. By this time I was so exhausted I didn't know if I had strength to continue the fight. I found two more sets of scriptures in the room and leaving all lights on, stretched out to rest, covered my body as much as possible with the open scriptures and tried to stay awake but each time I would slip into semi-sleep the attack would begin again – on parts of my body not covered by scripture. By this time the sun was rising.

I knelt in vocal prayer giving thanks for my Savior, for the light, and for His protecting power which had rested over me. I dressed quickly and went out into the morning air for a long walk to ponder what had just occurred. I did not speak of this matter to my hosts as I still could not process the why and how of it or its implication.

I was glad to board a plane that afternoon to get home to Pierce to tell him of the events and talk matters through for his insights and Priesthood counsel and blessing. We talked nonstop all the way home from Dulles airport. Upon entering our home he gave me a blessing, and then said I must place a call to

my hosts and tell what had occurred that they might be aware of and cast that spirit out of their holy home.

From that time on I have given anything remotely evocative of Satan and his minions the widest berth possible. I will not watch TV shows or movies where he or his acts are depicted. I am acutely aware and sensitive to the fact that he and his minions need only the tiniest portal to enter one's life. I still do not understand what that portal was at that time. I can only conclude that the work I was engaged in threated his plans in significant ways.

There were so many attacks and attempts to thwart my future work on the Eve book that I came to understand, at another dimension, the need to be ever vigilant in this regard. I do not want to give the adversary too much credit for power for I know that with our Savior, Jesus Christ, we have far and away more power than does he. I do want to caution that he will use every opportunity to gain power over us.

1987 - Campbell Family enjoying day at their pool. Front: Beverly, Matthew, T.J.,Marc Bradley, Jr., Marc. Robert.
Second row: Tom, Shauri, Pierce, Tammy

Tom, Robert, Marc, and T.J. in Skyroom.

Grandpa Campbell and four grandsons sleeping Christmas dinner off.

T.J., Heather Catlin, and Marc Bradley, Jr.

1987 - Tom and Marc exploring 'treasures' after dive, Caribbean vacation.

Beverly diving at 'Wreck of RMS Rhone, Virgin Islands.

1987 - Tropical Paradise, Tom, Pierce, Beverly, Marc, Tammy
(Shauri taking photo)

Santa and Children at Campbell Christmas party.

1985 - Marc bringing in 'Baby Jesus' birthday cake.

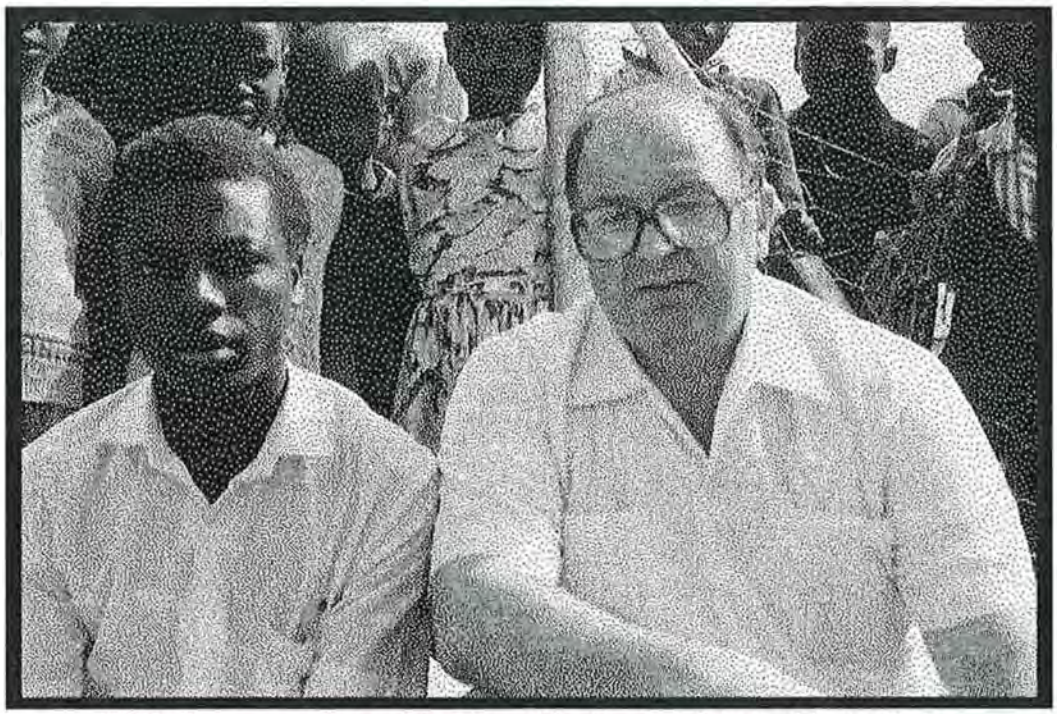
Family surrounding Robert in 'birthday chair'.

'The Embassy,' Campbell Crest Lane Home.

Main Entertaining Salon, Crest Lane Home.

Campbell dining room prepared to receive Ambassadorial guests.

Campbell home – Bedroom with view of Potomac.



1986 - Young man being interviewed for Heather Scholarship, by Pierce in Zimbabwe.

Pierce and Marc preparing books for shipment to Heather's Project in Zimbabwe – 1987

Pierce inspecting well being dug as part of Heather's Project in Masunda – 1986.

Beverly and Tom with Madame Sally Mugabe at Zimbabwe White House, 1991

Village life revolving around Heather's dam – women carrying water to gardens, animals drinking, 1991.

Senator, Beverly, Pres. Hungwe, and son Tom at dedication of Heather's Dam, 1991.

1994 - Pierce and Elder Maxwell exploring the artillery at James Town settlement, Virginia.

Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, Beverly, Fay and Jim Fletcher and Helen Hayes, 1990.

Pierce and Beverly on moat bridge at Groombridge, Royal Tumbridge Wells, England, visiting Rosemary Newton, 1986.

Pierce and Jim Fletcher exploring ruins in Ephesus, Turkey, 1989.

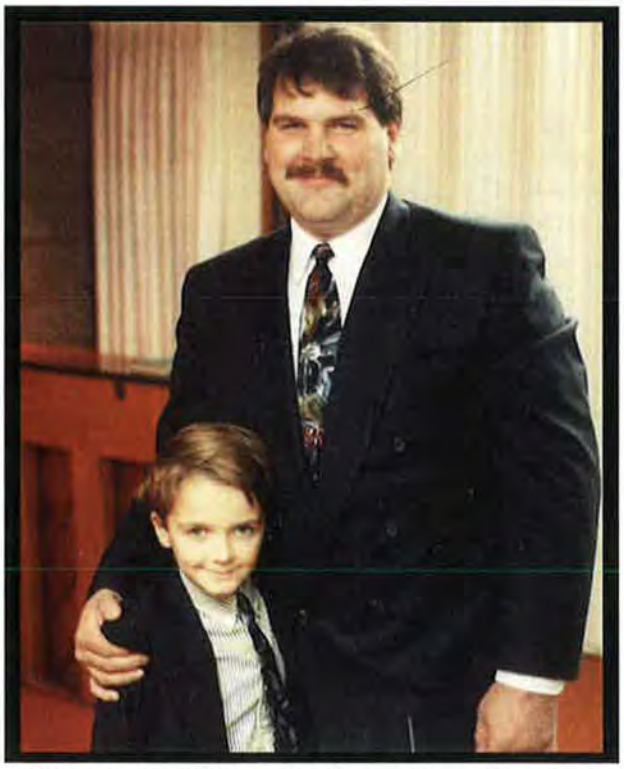
Pierce and Ambassador to Sweden, Gregg Newell and his wife, 1988.

Amy Barker, Beverly, Mary and Sid Foulger and Pierce in Romania, 1989.

1997 - Retirement Party for Beverly at home of Bill and Donna Marriott
Elder and Sister Tom L. Perry, Tom, Marc, Beverly, Pierce, Donna and Bill.

ca. 1993 - Board of Directors of Franklin Quest
Standing: Robert H. Daines, James M. Beggs, Beverly B. Campbell, Jake Garn, Thomas Lenagh, Robert Bennett, Val John Christensen.
Sitting: Daniel Howells, Jon Rowberry, Arlen Crouch, Hyrum Smith.

1997 - Tom's family, Robert, T.J., Michael, Tom, Shauri, Heather, Matthew.



1994 - Marc and Marc Bradley at time of baptism.

1996

May Thy watch care be over it that it shall be holy to all who enter it.
Hong Kong Temple Dedicatory Prayer

Our cab drove through the rainy, crowded streets of Hong Kong. Pierce, Robert and I strained our eyes in anticipation. As we glimpsed the Angel Moroni emerging above the fog we, all three, audibly gasped. The sun broke through the clouds for just a moment and the outline of this stately marble edifice emerged, quite different from any Temple we had seen.

We marveled at the perfection of the design and workmanship; a gem worthy of dedication to the Lord. Seated in its main room for this dedicatory session we marveled at the spirit of generations past and of those present who had waited so long to begin the work of this holy house.

We marveled at the perfection of God's Plan and the spirit testified to us that He will move His hand over the nation of China in His own time if we just keep moving forward in faith. We marveled that we were in this holy house, in the presence of his Prophet and we marveled at his statement: "This temple represents one of the great dreams of my life."

STATE OF WORLD: Boris Yeltsin second term as President of Russia. US launch missile attack against Iraq leader Sadam Hussein. Romanian citizens vote to overthrow their government, one of last remaining Communist governments in Europe. Bill Clinton, US President, vetoes bill to outlaw partial birth abortion. Tamil Tigers bomb bank in Sri Lanka, killing 60

STATE OF CHURCH: Members of church living outside the US surpasses members living inside. President Hinckley announces plans for Conference facility to accommodate increasing numbers for General Conference and other events. President Hinckley dedicates Hong Kong Temple, and becomes first Church President to visit mainland China. Breaks ground for temples in Madrid Spain, Bolivia, and Recife Brazil.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The best way of acquainting you with international highlight of this year to take them directly from my Quarterly reports to the Brethren: First quarter: *Arranged Ambassadorial trips to SLC for **Argentina, China, Israel, Kenya,**

Netherland. *Visits to Embassies **Kenya, Zimbabwe** for Elder Neal A. Maxwell and Elder Russell M. Ballard to discuss missionary and/or visa problems, *Private meeting with Ambassadors of **Kenya, India, Madagascar, Zimbabwe** re variety of church related issues. *DC/BYU Management Reception, 19 ambassadors attended.

Second quarter: *Continued work with Kenyan Ambassador re visa problems. *Hosted dinner at home for Ambassadors **of Cameroon and Ghana** and LDS Senators and Congressmen. *Met with President of **Mongolia.** *Extended invitation to Ambassador of **Ukraine** to SLC. *Worked with Congress to arrange evacuation of Church members from **Liberia**. *Worked with Embassies of **Japan and Korea** to secure meetings for President Hinckley's visit. *Extended invitation to Ambassador of **Brazil** to be host Ambassador at Festival of Lights. *Worked with embassy and a variety of friends in-country and with legal representatives re Lebed's threat to religious freedom in **Russia**. *Organized luncheons for Ambassadors wives and Deputy Ambassador's wives.

Third quarter: *Hosted sixth annual Western Picnic. *Hosted private lunch for Ambassador of **China**. *Met with new Ambassador of **Mauritius** re visa problems in country. *Hosted Diplomatic reception for *The Mission*.

Fourth quarter: *Organized Festival of Lights with **President Hinckley and Brazilian Ambassador** as co-hosts, attended by 36 Ambassadors. *Facilitated trips for Utah Centennial Celebration for the Ambassadors of **Estonia, Indonesia Kenya, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Philippines and Sweden**. *Continued work with Ambassador of **Kenya** re ongoing problems. *Nebulizers for **Granada**

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT SELECTED EVENTS

HONG KONG TEMPLE DEDICATION, AMBASSADOR TO UTAH, SERVICE MISSIONARIES

While the historic events of the **Hong Kong Temple Dedication** were handled by the Area Presidency and the Temple Committee, on occasion we were honored to be asked to help in small ways. The year began with a request from President Hinckley's office asking that I draft a letter from him

to government leaders in Beijing 'according to sensitivities,' advising them of the dedication of this Temple. I was also asked to provide a list of names and addresses of those in that country who I thought should be invited from my contacts and to draft a letter of invitation appropriate to them. Lastly I was asked to stay on top of all matters in this regard with the Ambassador.

Knowing how critical it was to future relations to 'get this right,' I labored over the letter, reviewed it with our China expert, Garrett Gong and others, and when it seemed right arranged for a meeting with Ambassador Li to seek his input. He made a few suggestions and said he and his staff would work closely with me. It was then sent on to President Hinckley's office for final draft. As this was a delicate matter, the Ambassador asked to be kept apprised of how things were progressing.

Working with the invitation list I was aware that few high government leaders could risk coming; this was a 'Christian' temple and they could not seem to endorse it. However, as Hong Kong became part of China this temple would be on their soil. To make clear they were invited to go inside the Temple prior to its dedication, as much concern was expressed to me that it would be a 'secret place' with no access to them, I contacted key people personally to invite them to the Open House and stayed on top of this matter until the dedication.

Our warm relationship with **China** continued and so when Ambassador Li Dayou expressed a desire to 'know our Senators,' I scheduled such a dinner in my home to coincide with the visits of Elders Neal A. Maxwell and M. Russell Ballard in February. It was an exceptional evening.

In addition to the above Senators Hatch, Bennett, Reid and Bill Marriott, with their wives attended along with other distinguished guests. The Ambassador commented at our table: "I believe the Mormons and the Chinese won't have any trouble," and later said that the Embassy was committed to getting the Mormon Chorus (Mormon Tabernacle Choir) into China.[30]

Plans were finalized for the Ambassadors trip to Salt Lake and though there was a terrible crisis with Taiwan and he was needed in Washington, he went ahead with that visit.

The Ambassador and his party were honored at a luncheon attended by the entire First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve. He recognized the import of it and when I heard the groups speaking to one another in Chinese I asked

for their observances. They remarked that the leadership of our church functioned much like their government, with three men at the top and a council of twelve underneath.

The Ambassador had expressed a desire to meet with the Chinese community in Salt Lake and such was arranged with some 70 enthusiastic guests. He also expressed their delight in their time at BYU.

Wishing to see Park City and its arrangements for the upcoming Winter Olympic Games, I arranged for Dick and Nancy Marriott to host an evening for the party at their Park City home, with an outstanding guest list. The Ambassador loved the home and the company.

Elder Russell M. Nelson and Dantzel joined us and Russell and the Ambassador even participated in a short game of Ping Pong; intense and equally matched. When asked where he learned to play so well Elder Nelson reminded Ambassador Li that he had spent some time teaching medicine in China and there were many long evenings for ping pong.[31]

I was travelling on assignment a few weeks later but arranged to catch a morning flight back to DC for a wouldn't miss dinner Ambassador Li was hosting to honor Ambassador Ray of India, prior to his departure home. These were two of my favorite diplomats; among many favorites.

Challenges continued to arise with our service missionaries in China and with the agreements reached when Elders Maxwell and Nelson were received in China last year. Problems also arose with those BYU were sending. To address this I hosted their Consul General, Mr. Liao Zhihong at a lunch. His assistant, Mr. Liao, suggested that we submit a new letter of invitation from the State Education Commission.

As requested, I pursued these initiatives and there was an amelioration of these problems for a time. There appeared in most of these nations no permanent solutions and so we were kept ever vigilant and accepted that today's solution would likely not hold for a long period of time.

COORDINATING AMBASSADORS VISITS WITH BYU

There continued to be many invitations to Ambassadors to visit Salt Lake City, as initiated by the First Contact for that country and often as special needs arose. As some of the Ambassadors felt they could not accept an

invitation from a religious body, but could from a University it seemed time to formalize an arrangement with Brigham Young University as their official hosts, and those at Church headquarters did so.

I thought this was working nicely until I received a confused call from the Chinese Embassy regarding the Ambassador's trip. It seems the BYU Provost had called him and told them only to work through them and not our office. The Embassy was confused, as was I, but with a few phone calls we straightened the matter out and it redounded to the benefit of all as we now had a well-defined partnership arrangement in this regard with BYU.

This was also the year of the Utah Centennial Celebration and they asked our advice, help or follow-up to the invitations they extended to Ambassadors as part of that celebration. I was happy to do this as any positive contact with an Embassy or Ambassador helped to gain access or to keep doors opened.

Such follow-up allowed me to suggest to the Ambassador that we would be happy to arrange a day where they could tour Temple Square, Welfare Square and meet with some of our Apostles or members of the First Presidency of the Church. Those Ambassadors I worked with regarding this Utah Centennial visit were Jordan, Laos, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, South Africa, Thailand, Iceland, Denmark, Ireland, New Zealand, Zaire, Chile, Mexico, Austria, Namibia and Uganda.

ESTABLISHING PROTOCOL TO HEADS OF STATE RE OUR CHURCH PRESIDENT IN COUNTRY

A question had been raised by an Ambassador: "Why does your Church President come into our country without advising our government? "I thought of the importance of the presence of our President in any country, our church's emergence onto the world scene, the importance to leaders and members in- country to be seen as credible 'players' when problems arose, and the weight given to such a diplomatic courtesy. It seemed we could accomplish many objectives if we used our Ambassadorial contacts to alert the President of each nation whenever our Church President was to be in their country.

This idea was advanced and approved and I was asked to develop protocol, *Advising Heads of State of a visit by Our Church Presi*dent, including when, how, and personal delivery of letters to be issued and materials to be

presented both to the Ambassadors and to the Heads of State in the country to be visited. This initiative was presented to the First Presidency for their consideration and was approved, but was to be exercised only as they requested.

To this end when requests were advanced for such outreach I would make an appointment with the Ambassador of the designated country, explain the visit of our President and our desire to honor their country by having their Head of State so advised and ask that all protocol be observed. I would then present the Ambassador with a formal letter addressed to their nation's leader from President Hinckley, along with background materials appropriate to that country. If asked to do so I would also request that a brief courtesy meeting be arranged with that nation's leader.

This year President Hinckley traveled to Belgium, Cameroon, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Philippines, Singapore and Spain among other nations. I don't have records for how many of these visits this protocol was followed, however, I do have a note in my day planner that on 4/3 I was contacted and asked to draft letters 'of protocol' for President Hinckley's upcoming visits to **China, Vietnam and Israel**.

Not long thereafter Elder Pingree of the Asia Area Presidency called and said that they had been unable to set up meetings with the Head of State of **Japan** saying that President Hinckley suggested, "Have Beverly use her protocol," in arranging such an appointment, which I did.

Fortunately (or miraculously) as related in last year's history, I had come to know that Ambassador and his wife. In our private conversations Mrs. Kuriyama had said their in-country home was just three miles away and on the same street as our Temple so they were somewhat familiar with us. Working with the Ambassador's office, Senator Hatch's office, and with assistance from US Ambassador Walter Mondale, that appointment was arranged.

A day before scheduled departure I received a call from SLC saying that they could not get clearance for the Huntsman plane, on which President Hinckley was travelling, to land at the designated small airport in Japan and it was critical. After a day of a 'full court press,' by many of my resources, clearance was granted.

President Hinckley wished to meet with the **Korean** President, Kim Young Same. The Church was well established in Korea and had members prominent in the legislature who thought they could arrange this, but had been unable to do so. Calling on all the power players I knew who had contacts in that country, and there were many, (see report) we worked this request through many channels.

Though both the Korean Ambassador and the US Ambassador to Korea and the entire Korean Cabinet supported such a meeting we were advised that because of the President's busy schedule and a protest lodged by the Presbyterian Church, this meeting could not be arranged. This effort redounded to the Church's benefit however as support was established at the highest levels of government and they rethought our Church's position in that country.

I had been working with the Embassy of **Spain** for delivery of a letter to their King, Juan Carlos, from President Hinckley inviting him to be his guest at the ground breaking ceremony for the Temple to be constructed in Madrid. I note that on 5/23 Deputy Ambassador Fuentes called to advise that the letter would be delivered to the King.

And moving on to another continent an entry of 10/1 says that President Hinckley is traveling to **South America** and would I use 'protocol' to notify the governments of the countries he would visit, which I did.

CHALLENGES: INDIA, KENYA, MADAGASCAR, ZIMBABWE

To this point, I received a concerned phone call from Elder Maxwell saying that the Area President had just advised that our small cadre of missionaries were being asked to leave **India** once again and they needed highest level intervention as quickly as possible. The Church was just establishing a small foothold and we needed to maintain and enlarge on it. The Area Presidency had been told that because of new laws they must leave for a time and pursue other avenues of return.

Ralph Hardy and I met with Ambassador Ray for his advice. The Ambassador, after a review of laws in-country, suggested that the missionaries not leave the country, but stay until the law was reviewed by their Parliament in that country. Ambassador Ray felt that once the

missionaries left we would not be able to obtain visas to allow them back in. Ambassador Ray continued to help with this and it was a never ending dance.

When, at a farewell dinner, Ambassador Ray talked about the assistance his country received from the Department of Agriculture during a particularly critical period and that such help had been absolutely essential in moving them away from famine. I informed him that the Secretary of Agriculture at that time was Ezra Taft Benson. I also informed him that he later became President of our Church and had just passed away two years ago. He was excited and asked that I prepare a packet of materials regarding this effort. He thought it would be of great help in his country as he sought to be of help to the Church in the future, which of course we did,

The dominoes were falling once again in African nations. I will mention three in particular: **Kenya:** I received a call from Elder Maxwell on February 16nd saying he had just been advised that missionaries were to leave the country in ten days. I quickly called Ambassador Kipkorir and asked him to look into it. He was surprised to learn of the dire nature of our situation and thought perhaps we had misunderstood their intent but said he would get to the bottom of it.

He called later from a private line and said a friend in their legislature had received a copy of a letter, which stated that the President was convening a commission to look into the 'Mormon Problem.' He asked that this name be kept out of it but said that I should so advise our leaders of this as immediate action would be required to discourage same. He also reported that this was the result of a negative campaign that had been waged in the press regarding our church.

I asked for a meeting with him that our Apostles Elders Maxwell and Ballard might discuss the situation, to which he agreed. I met several times, thereafter with the Ambassadors, and letters were exchanged in-country in an attempt to solve the problem. One day he called to inform me that a former member of our church, Thomas Nyambok, had committed treason and left the country. "What is your Church's position on that?" he demanded. I quoted our Article of Faith: "We believe in honoring, sustaining and upholding the laws of the land," and advised him we took it very seriously.

Soon thereafter he called and asked about the campaign that was being conducted in support of the church. I asked to what he was referring and he

said he had been told my son had spoken to the President and asked him to assist the church. I determined that Congressman Tom Campbell of California, not my son, had heard of this assault on our church from his colleagues and on a trip there, had raised this issue. We were grateful for the 'friend in court.' Former President Jimmy Carter who was held in high esteem in that country, along with our US Ambassador Aurelis, and Secretary of Commerce, Ron Brown were all contacted through a variety of channels and spoke out on our behalf.

Ambassador Kipkorir called me early the morning of March 11 to report that President Moi had agreed that visas would once again be issued to our missionaries and our church would be allowed to function without further problem. Elder Holland travelled to Kenya soon thereafter and we were able to arrange, through the Ambassador, several high level meetings.[32]

In appreciation for his assistance and to acquaint other newly arrived African Ambassador with our church and our people I hosted a dinner at my home in his honor. Those attending were Ambassadors Mendouga of Cameroon and Spio-Garbrah of Ghana with their wives, Senator and Mrs. Hatch, Senator and Mrs. Bennett, Congressman and Mrs. Orton and Congressman and Mrs. McKeon, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Faust, and Dr. and Mrs. David Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Wilkinson.

As Pierce was ill, Tom flew in from Houston to host in his father's stead. The dinner was positive. Each guests spoke of the importance of faith and friendship. The Ambassador was most pleased because he was able to literally "rub shoulders" with Senator Hatch, which he then did. Elder Holland sent the Ambassador a letter of appreciation, which was read during dinner.

On February 16 I also received a call from Hugh Matheson alerting that the Area Presidency was having problems renewing visas to **Madagascar** and asking for help. The missionaries had to leave the country and go to Reunion to obtain their visas. The cost was becoming prohibitive as they were being given three-month non-renewable visas. This surprised me as our relationships with this Ambassador had been so positive and he had bent every effort to address our interests.

I called and asked if he would meet with Elder Ballard and me. At the meeting he requested the telephone numbers of lawyer's in-country who were

handling this matter and asked that if they contacted us further that we send them directly to him.

He placed a call to the appropriate Minister in their government to discuss what was happening and was happy to advise that all would be resolved. Soon thereafter he called to inform me that he had three visas in hand for our missionaries and six more were on their way. Church leaders were informed that new missionaries would receive 6-month visas with an opportunity to apply for longer term without leaving the country. We had talked previously of his love of tennis so to further cement relations I asked IA members, Ron Harrison, David Hildebrandt and Dan Callister if they would set up a game. They did and played together often.

Elder Wirthlin called to advise of yet another challenge to our missionaries in **Zimbabwe.** In earlier years, as missionaries were summarily dismissed from country due to the government hard line, we had agreed that they would come in as teachers or link them with humanitarian projects and they would do their missionary work after hours. The government now decided that the country no longer needed outside teachers as they had enough and humanitarian links weren't that evident. Appointments were set for the same day to visit the embassy.

We asked the Ambassador of his understanding of the government's policy re expatriate work permits and for advice as how to proceed. The Ambassador requested specific information about the situation, the contacts in-country, and names of people met with to discuss the problem and where church leaders felt the problem began. He promised to work it through and after a time the hard line eased. To forestall other problems on this great continent I continued to initiate events and accept invitations issued from this embassy.

POLAND, CAMEROON, LIBERIA, BOTSWANA, CUBA

There was an assortment of other interesting matters I dealt with during this year, i.e. the **Polish** Ambassador asked me to his residence for lunch with him and his wife. She informed me that the rate of breast cancer in their country was alarming and they had few mammography machines and these were only in Warsaw and Cracow. Women couldn't get to them and they were dying. Could we provide some humanitarian help?

They weren't aware that I was a breast cancer survivor and her husband was surprised I would admit it. He said there was such stigma attached that women in their country were ashamed of it and even when they knew they had breast cancer they often didn't seek treatment.

I immediately contacted Elder Nelson who tasked some of his physician friends with finding used but excellent equipment which was donated to our Humanitarian arm. The process of arranging for them to be shipped and received was a long one. When the machines arrived in country they were too advanced; the technology was too new for their training.

Talking this though with Elder Nelson he again tasked some doctor friend to seek resolution to this challenge and they offered training. I began making arrangements for technicians and a doctor to go to the two central areas in Poland where these imaging machines had been sent and there the Polish technicians and physicians gathered and our team conducted extensive training. These machines and this training was so appreciated that I, as a representative of the Church, was honored at their Breast Cancer Awareness Benefit.

Reporters from a variety of Polish TV stations were present and asked if I would do a ten minute interview on the subject to be seen in their country so women watching would know they need not hide in the shadows if so diagnosed? They were surprised that I would agree to be interviewed.

Contact was made with **Cameroon's** new Ambassador Mendouga. I invited him and his wife to the Visitors Center to learn more about the church and to a lunch following.

The Ambassador was well versed in our practices and asked Elder Don Christensen who conducted the tour many questions regarding temples, responsibilities of leaders, the differences between temple presidents and bishops. They discussed polygamy. Mrs. Mendouga explained that her father took her husband aside when he asked for her hand in marriage and asked what his intentions were with regard to marriage (polygamous or monogamous). Her father only approved of the marriage when Mendouga promised it would be a monogamous marriage.

They asked for and received a Book of Mormon in French and English. At a lunch they talked further about their children and their desire to have their sons attend BYU. We pursued the matter with BYU and kept them apprised.

An unusual call was received regarding **Liberia.** The Area President was requesting assistance in liberating Mr. Da Tarr from country during a coup. Mr. Tarr was a member of the church and was in grave danger. I sent requests to Senators Hatch, Bennett and Reid, and Congressman McKeon and Packard asking they send letters to the US Ambassador requesting that Tarr be evacuated. The State Department's criteria for evacuation eliminated Mr. Tarr from consideration. A plethora of letters and calls were made on behalf of Mr. Tarr and we were notified of his release within a few days. Mr. Tarr sent a letter after he was liberated thanking all for their help.

In mid-March I hosted Ambassador Mogwe, newly appointed Ambassador of **Botswana** at the Visitor's Center to be sure we lost no ground after the return to country of Ambassador Sebele, as we still had not achieved our objectives of legal registration. Pleasant and open he asked insightful questions about temples, church beliefs, doctrines and practices. He also questioned if the church still practiced polygamy. He talked of his love of music and so I sent him a CD of Tallis Scholars, which he often referred to in our meetings.

Elder Nelson had been assigned responsibilities for that part of the Kingdom which included **Cuba.** One of my first calls received in January of this year was from him asking assistance in obtaining entry into that closed nation. I sought advice from members of congress, businessmen, expatriates, and our State Department. Many times it looked positive that we might get a 'visit permit' but always something else was required.

After several months of intense work we weren't able to make this happen in a way that redounded to our benefit, though many had suggestions and so it was placed back in the hands of the Lord.

Ambassador Kalnins of **Latvia** spoke to me of a particular young woman in his country who badly needed a specialized motorized wheelchair. After speaking with Elder Nelson about this he referred me to our Humanitarian Services regarding her unique needs and asked that they help. They were able to find the special chair but transport to country was a problem. When I advised the Embassy of this challenge they said that their President was touring the United States and they could arrange to have the chair transported back to country in his planes cargo hold.

The chair was delivered to the President's plane, picked up by missionaries in Riga and the Ambassador arranged that the presentation of the wheel chair could be made by the Area Presidency in Riga. The missionaries then delivered the chair to Ms. Ieva Zitare, the recipient. The good will generated and the positive press did more than our previous years' work to soften the problem of those in-country and in opening the way to more visas.

So much work of this kind is being done by the Church Humanitarian arm that this seems like a small matter, but at that time our humanitarian office consisted of two people and this effort was breaking new ground.

At the request of **Israel's** Minister of Interreligious and Public Affairs, Barukh Binah, I agreed that we would help organize a program for the world-renown choir to perform with the Mormon Choir of Washington. Gloria Wilkinson worked with the Minister in arranging the date, time and housing for the 50+ members of the choir. This performance was the only one in the Washington, DC, area and their first performance in the United States. It was standing-room only.

When the former Ambassador from **Pakistan** came into DC she called and asked me to afternoon tea and when the wife of the former Ambassador of **Jordon**, now Minister of Defense, came to DC she called and asked if she could spend an afternoon with me in my home. I have been doubly blessed, professionally and personally, by these relationships.

NO EASING OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ISSUES

Religious Liberty Issues had not eased, rather, over the last three years, but rather had continued to escalate. I was still providing such support as I could to concerned groups but it was the work of experts that was most needed. Cole Durham and his groups continued to offer their services to in-country legislators and others in helping draft appropriate laws. This will be well documented through BYU Law School so I won't go through all details. Nonetheless, I was tasked to do much follow-up with Ambassadors and in-country leaders, both religious and secular.

One particular meeting stands out, a meeting with His Excellency Andrei V. Kozyrev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and His Beatitude Theodosius, the Archbishop of Washington and the Metropolitan of all America and Canada. After explaining the issues at hand the Foreign

Minister expressed concern that religious freedom be preserved and said that he would be available for support to this end.

When I asked Archbishop Theodosius if he would be willing to see that a letter from Elder Oaks on this subject was hand-delivered to Patriarch Aleksiy, he agreed and therefore we counted this meeting a success.

BOARDS AND EVENTS

I must start with the end of the year as this year's **Festival of Lights** was without parallel. **President Gordon B. Hinckley** and **Elder Neal A. Maxwell** were the guest hosts at our lightening ceremonies. The diplomatic reception was filled to overflowing. We had to break the receiving line into two receiving lines because of the crush; one for members of the LDS Congressional delegation as nearly all were in attendance, and one to meet President Hinckley and Elder Maxwell.

The air was electric and our President was accorded honor and respect appropriate to his office by the Ambassadors and their families. There was an overflow crowd with standing room only. President Hinckley and **Ambassador Flecha de Lima of Brazil** addressed our guests with words of love and peace, of respect and understanding; the lights were turned on and the Choir and congregation sang the Hallelujah chorus with reverent passion. Who could have imagined such a night when we began with one lone ambassador in attendance some 14 year before.

Elder Maxwell fulfilled his assignment to accompany President Hinckley to the First Night Ambassadors Lighting Ceremony even though he had just been through a major cancer treatment and had been told he must not be in large groups.

I spoke to him of Joy Korologos, a member of our Advisory Group, who had also just been diagnosed with Cancer and wasn't expected to make it through the holidays. Her wish was to have a blessing from Elder Maxwell. I had said this might not be possible because of his schedule and health. When apprised of this situation, Elder Maxwell had me drive him 45 minute into the Virginia countryside to give a blessing and comfort to this lovely woman and her family.

He spent a long hour with her, her husband, who is not a member but who had always supported her and our every activity, and her two daughters. Regularly he asked about her. Regularly he called her. After her death he called the family. Just before his death he asked about them again.

Our other events continued apace and as you've read so much about them in years past I will only recount the most vital stats. **DC/BYU Management Society Dinner**: Twenty Ambassadors representing 22 countries attended the diplomatic reception I hosted, prior to this annual event to meet Elder Merrill J Bateman, President of BYU, who was our keynote speaker. Attending were the Ambassadors of Botswana, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, Ghana, Hungary, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Lithuania, Niger, Poland, Romania, Slovak, Sri Lanka, Slovak, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe Malawi and Ukraine.

The third **Ambassadors' Wives Luncheon** was held on May 14th at the home of Donna Marriott. Each year it grew in numbers and enjoyment. Everyone felt like old friends this year and those new to the diplomatic corps were delighted. Twenty-seven wives of ambassadors' and seven congressional wives attended.

In my welcoming speech I presented an overview of the international and humanitarian initiatives of the church. An initial contact was made with seven countries. Those attended were: Argentina, Bangladesh, Cameroon, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Poland, Romania, Slovak, Slovenia, South Africa, Switzerland, Uganda, Ukraine, and Vietnam.

Mrs. Janice Callister, a member of the IAG, hosted the **Deputy Chiefs of Mission** wives luncheon on June 12. Mrs. Orrin Hatch and Mrs. Ron Packard attended the luncheon and the former welcomed the guests on behalf of the church. Thirteen Embassies were represented and included: Bangladesh, China, Croatia, Iceland, Korea, Latvia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, and United Kingdom.

This annual **Western Family Picnic** was held in late September, with Elders Jeffery Holland and Vaughn Featherstone representing the church leadership. Twenty-one Ambassadors and representatives from 49 countries attended. Twenty-seven new contacts were included. The Congressional delegation was represented by Ernest Istook, Buck McKeon, and Ron Packard; Mrs.

Orrin Hatch, Mrs. Harry Reid, and Mrs. Wally Herger. Erlend Peterson and RJ Snow, BYU.

On July 24, we hosted a program and reception at the Visitors Center to celebrate **Pioneer Day** and invited staffs of embassies to join us. A mini-drama of the events leading to the expulsion of the Saints from Missouri and Illinois to the Midwest was performed. The culmination of the program was an audiovisual presentation of the creation of **The Mission** by Acey Harper. Approximately 150 key Embassy personnel, their families and Congressional staffers attended.

As noted previously when I began this work in 1984, Church membership was at five and one half million, eleven years later it had nearly doubled to ten million. At that time more than two thirds of the world was in the International Mission, under assigned members of the Twelve.

Now nearly all these countries had been dedicated and Area Presidencies were assigned and presiding. Initially the question was, "How do we reach those in power that we, as an institutional Church, may enter those countries and receive such ratification from their government, as deemed necessary, to be recognized as a lawful religion?" Now the question was, "How do we keep the 'dominoes' from falling and keep those doors open?"

A pattern had been set for doing just that and while the 'heavy entrepreneurial lifting' had been done by our office under the watchful eye of the Twelve it was time for these programs to become institutionalized and for the IOA offices to be 'housed' under an existing department at Church Headquarters. The in-country work would now be done by the Area Presidencies, under the supervision of the Twelve.

At one time I was speaking with Elders Maxwell and Nelson about their enormous workload as there are only 'twelve' of them. They read to me from the Doctrine and Covenants and reminded that there could be 84 (or more) Quorums of the Seventy called to administer to the needs of an ever growing worldwide Church. God's plan is so amazing, and now there were more Quorums to help carry this worldwide burden.

Also it was evolving that Cole Durham and the BYU Law School would need to spearhead human right and religion freedom laws for the foreseeable future, as they were constantly being rewritten.

There were so many departments in Salt Lake working with various aspects of these ever growing initiatives; Humanitarian Affairs, Area Coordinators, Church Headquarters hosting, etc. that it became important to bring us all together that one might know what the other was doing and so the International Legislative Affairs Committee (ILAC) was formed at Church Headquarters to institutionalize the office under the Public Affairs Department at Church Headquarter and I began providing 'templates' for policies and procedures.

It is exciting to see the way God directs this ever evolving Church, and the way our leadership continues to be able to adapt, change, and remove what doesn't work, restructure, rename and move forward without missing a beat.

TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

I've incorporated Boards, Speeches and related activities into this section as I thought future generations of my family might find it interesting to see how these intertwined.

The travel schedule of this year was even more intense. As usual, in addition to travel related to church and diplomatic related assignments, there were the meetings in New York for RIAL and VISN, and work with the UN and the New York Office. Fortunately, most were one day so I could be in and out.

As always General Conferences were times of intense spiritual replenishment for which I was so grateful but when you add frequent speaking engagements and every other month travel for meetings of the Board of Franklin Quest it seemed like I was ever on a plane.

Fortunately I did like to travel and the 'must dos' often allowed me to link meetings to short visits with family or friends and week-end speaking engagements. The Franklin Quest Board's February meeting was held at the beautiful La Costa Resort out of San Diego.

The Board was invited to stay for an extra day of play. I loved the idea but there was no time as I had to leave immediately after for Houston where I was speaking that night at a Stake Event, and, selfishly I wanted every minute available with Tom, Shauri and their amazing family. I got to see TJ play varsity basketball (he's very good), went to Heather's dance lesson, reviewed Robert's China schedule, took Matthew and Michael to lunch and toured

Tom's new law office, which was very impressive and just enjoyed being with Shauri and observing her awe-inspiring mothering.

On the 26th Elder Maxwell was in DC for our Public Affairs meeting and the reception on Capitol Hill for the Utah Centennial Celebration where I was able to spend a few minutes with Coleen.

The 28th I was speaking in Columbia, Maryland. If I can get lost I will and beltway traffic to Columbia was a nightmare. It was Superbowl night but Pierce, knowing my concern with traffic and direction, drove me; isn't that the ultimate sacrifice?

I was on a plane the next day to Salt Lake where I was honored to have been invited by Dantzel Nelson to speak to the wives of the General Authorities at their luncheon. I could not believe the privilege of being with them or of the love evidenced towards me and one another. President Packer had asked Donna to record my remarks and wanted an immediate report back. He called immediately after and said he had heard nothing but glowing reports and asked for a copy of my talk.

The following day there were meetings with Elder Holland re the Middle East, with Elder Nelson re Cuba and other issues and then to the airport for a flight to Phoenix for the Annual Reunion of my brothers and sisters, which had started on Thursday. We laughed and talked, discussed family business matters and played Canasta until late in the evening. Betty and I drove to Sun Lakes to see if we wanted to go ahead with purchasing lots for our future retirement home, and I was on a plane back to DC, following church services Sunday.

When I returned to DC, Marc was in the hospital with what they determined were kidney stones but things cleared up and he was released. We share a similar, unnamed, autoimmune problem which attacks our bodies in unusual ways, but often find locus in the kidney and which can be quite debilitating. I worry about him.

That Friday night I am back to Salt Lake to overnight with Pierce's sister Jessie and to go on to speak to the Beaver Stake. This is where many of her children reside and was her home of 40 plus years so I couldn't say no. It was an absolute delight and loved going to Church with them, as we filled an entire row.

We drove immediately to Provo where I addressed the Heritage Halls Wards on the subject of Mother Eve. As I began my address I looked up and there were Hugh and Phyllis Nibley walking in. I couldn't believe it and was more than a bit intimidated. Here was one of the great scholars of all time coming to hear me. We had worked together over the years on this subject but he had not heard how I had put it together. He said: "You got it all right, keep going with it".

The following day, Monday, President Hinckley invited me to his office to discuss spiritually sensitive impressions Pierce had had regarding additional temple work done for our beloved Heather. These impressions were received some eight years previous. I won't go into it in detail, but it was an amazing spiritual time.

Pierce had not been travelling with me during this time as he was just didn't feel up to it. He put on a bright face and said the only thing I could do for him was to continue with my schedule and allow him quiet time to rest. He was still active with his acquisitions and investments but I could tell there was something really amiss although doctors couldn't find it. And so we both soldiered forward.

I was delighted to speak to the Chinese Branch on the 25th, their New Year. What a celebration and what a bright and spiritual group of converts. Tom and Shauri arrived for a special Temple session on the 26th and we were joined after by Marc and Ilene for a time of rejoicing, being together and remembering Heather.

Elders Maxwell and Ballard were also in town that day for three separate Ambassadorial meeting and I was to pick them up at their hotel; we couldn't be late. As I was descending the staircase from my bedroom to the first floor it was as though a hand reached out and pushed me. I tumbled headfirst down the long flight of stairs, my head hitting with full force on the marble floor.

Stunned, I wondered how nothing could be broken but found that miraculously nothing was. After dusting off a bit, clearing my head from the fog and the bells, finding my shoes and briefcase I stopped in the kitchen for aspirins, descended to the garage, was on time for pick up and proceeded through a full day and evening of activities.

When I undressed that night my ribs, side and thighs looked like the black and white keys on an accordion. It was only as I had a moment to reflect that I realized two things: Evil had a hand in my fall, and the Lord had stayed me from serious injury and allowed me to move through the day; as had happened to me so many times in the past, I had been shored up by angels as I was about His work.

March 12th has me back in Salt Lake for FQ Board, but returned on the five o'clock flight to DC as I was to be on a plane back again to Salt Lake with the Chinese Ambassador and his party on the 20th. Pierce was now doing a bit better and we were doing all possible to see that he was ready for our Hong Kong trip.

Our lovely missionary, Elaine had come to serve the Lord as a way of healing from the breakup of a tragic marriage and had found love. Cliff Wallace, Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals was helping us with issues in countries where he travelled and lectured. His wife had died after a long battle with cancer. He came to our office, they found one another and on the 28th we held her farewell lunch. Serendipitous; yes – or perhaps just another example of the Lord moving us about that His grand plans for us may come to pass.

April started with the joys of being at Conference, the many meetings after and evening times with Jesse and Lucile and others and then to DC for an intense month of working through in-country issues.

Any down time was spent finalizing our trip to China with Robert. In between there were a couple of official dinner, events to meet a couple of Heads of State and a Relief Society brunch at my home.

HONG KONG TEMPLE DEDICATION AND CHINA WITH ROBERT

We were off to Hong Kong on May 25th, arriving at 6:45 in the morning after a 23 hour flight. We were grateful that the Marriott hotel had sent a car for us. Our tickets to the Temple Dedication were for a 3PM session. We left the hotel at one thirty with a cab driver who assured the English speaking dispatcher who tried to give him directions that he know just where it was. Forty five minutes later we arrived at a Buddhist Temple.

We again showed him the correct address which had been written for us in Chinese. He said it was on the other side of Hong Kong and would take another forty five minutes. What to do; back to the hotel to sort it through. I immediately phoned the Temple, praying that someone would answer. After explaining our situation and saying we would take any seat anywhere in the building as we were aware there were not nearly enough tickets for those who were standing in line to get in. He said to come right back; he would get us into the next available session.

Upon arrival we were taken directly to the Celestial Room and were privileged to be in the session conducted by President Hinckley; neither would have been the case had we made our original time. A gift! The next morning we had decided to find our way back to the Temple via subway. Each of us was given a specific assignment relating to finding the right train, we spent a lovely morning just walking in its shadow and feeling of the spirit that bathed the area with light.

We were invited on one of the buses taking President Hinckley into Shenzhen and to participate in all his official activities. Robert was amazing but after a long day, big dinner, and then on to the evening show he was looking a little peaked and said his throat was really sore. Our assigned host, John took him for some herbal medicine; they came back and finished the show. The next morning we toured Guangzhou with the group where a car took us to the airport for travel to Xian.

We were met by our CPFCC hosts who whisked us to see the Terra Cotta Warriors. Robert writes in his journal: "It's just amazing how every single face is different." While Pierce rested we did a bit of bartering which Robert loved and then to a Chinese Hospital where we saw their new work. In the discussion they wanted to check Pierce's pulse as this is their major diagnostic tool. They said he wasn't getting enough blood to his heart or brain, his liver was weak and his lungs were suffering.

None of this had been found by our doctors but it all later proved to be true. They also tried some electric shock for his knees; one Doctor put his finger in a live socket, the other served as a conduit and in this manner they transferred electricity into the knee. Amazing and it did help for several days. That evening we were taken to the Wild Goose Pagoda for dim sum (stuffed dumpling). I had loved them when last in Xian and they

remembered. We were feted with more than 50 different varieties of dim sum of every filling and design; beautiful and sumptuous.

Next we flew to Beijing where we were taken to concerts and hosted at dinner at the CPFCC headquarters by our friend Wong Hangbou. Sunday morning we were off to find the building where our members meet for church. Made up of expatriates they were a diverse and delightful group. That afternoon we were met by Adam Johnson, Clare's son who was working in China and he had a great time sharing his knowledge with Robert. That night we dined at the Beijing Duck Restaurant where we were hosted by Su Guang. Pierce and Robert had been talked about Beijing Duck for days and were not disappointed. Full days of seeing all the glorious sites of Beijing, the Imperial Palace, Forbidden City, Great Wall, theatres and dinners followed.

However, the highlight of it all was arriving at the Great Hall of the People where Ambassador Zhu Quizhen and Madame Wang hosted a dinner in Robert's honor. What a rare privilege and not one given to many, particularly one so young. We were so glad to see the Ambassador and his wife and to catch up on their activities. Ambassador Zhu was a standing member of one of the most influential committees in the government and she was enjoying her time with her grandchild.

One of Robert and my favorite activities when there was any downtime was to walk the couple of blocks from our hotel to Tenemen Square and fly a kite I had picked up for him in a little shop. There was a large clock in the center of the square counting down the days and hours until Hong Kong was returned back to China. We often went to the square in the late evening as our rooms were not really cool. On those times we were followed closely by military personnel but never stopped or questioned.

Robert was so amazing. I kept forgetting that he was only 13 and needed time to play. By the time we reached Singapore all I could think was to give him money to play the games in the hotel arcade.

We parted at the Los Angeles airport, Robert going to Houston, us to DC, sad to leave one another but so grateful to have shared this rare experience. Robert has an amazing soul combined with a keen intellect and a delightful and willing personality; I predict great things for him.

THE YEAR CONTINUES ON

On our return we learned that our dear friend Howard Wall had cancer and was not expected to live. Because we could not get away we asked Tom if he could go to Phoenix on our behalf and extend our love and concern to him and Delores, which he did. (Howard continues to live but the cancer has returned many times and is tamped down by extended chemotherapy treatments.)

We also found a notice upon our return home, that we were being audited for taxes. We learned later that our neighbor, a former federal agent and now head of an international security company, had suggested to the IRS that we were hiding something. This was in retaliation for us not allowing him to build a portion of his driveway on our very narrow property. Oh my! Life is not always smooth. This audit took a full year, cost us more than ten thousand dollars in accountants and lawyers and in the end found we owned nothing, in fact they owed us.

This was all forgotten as Marc and Ilene invited us for a long weekend sail with them on Chesapeake Bay mid-August. Restorative, divine – need I say more. A summer night at the Wolftrap Outdoor Theatre is always a treat and our friends, the Beggs, (we served together on the FG Board) invited us to such an evening. This was a premier US performance of a renowned Irish Dance Company who had taken the world by storm and we could see why; a spectacular evening. Later we were so pleased to spend a few days with Tom and TJ as they came to Virginia to do some work on their Masons Neck house in order to put it on the real estate market.

There were dinners in our home, many outlined in the earlier section, for Ambassadors and Senators attended by the Brethren and there was all the attendant activity of our busy office and suddenly the summer was over. All calm was shattered, however, when Elder Maxwell called on the 23 of September and with Pierce and me on the line explained that he had been diagnosed with Acute Lymphatic Leukemia and that it was likely terminal. We were devastated, how does one live in a world without him. We were so glad to know that we might see him in December at the Lighting Ceremony.

Our challenges seemed so insignificant and when we learned that Pierce must have knee surgery on both knees we knew this was doable. Though a brutal surgery at that time with a long and pain filled recuperation we felt

positive. President Packer said to come in for a blessing when we were out to October Conference but Pierce didn't feel up to going. I was so sorry as I wanted him to share that time with him.

While at Conference I was invited by Dortha and Charles Smarts, for dinner at their home and to accompany them to the Symphony where Jenny Oaks was making her debut performance as a guest soloist. What a joy to watch and listen to her. June (her mother) and I spend a lot of time talking that night, and I was so glad as I didn't have any time with her again before her death.

After a week of meetings and interviewing new missionaries for our office, I flew to Fullerton, California to speak to a Stake group at the request of my dear Alysa Hatch who had been such a gift while working in our IAO office. I flew back that night to DC as Pierce was schedule for prep on Monday and surgery on Tuesday. Tom came in from Houston and he and Marc gave Pierce a beautiful blessing. He was in the hospital for 8 days and in rehab for 2 weeks before coming home. It was a tough recuperation but he did all that was required and by week three he was trying the stairs. On the 20th I spoke at the DC Stake Center to an overflow audience of people I knew and respected. The spirit was strong and the love overflowing.

HEALTH CHALLENGES ALL AROUND

With all that was going on I wanted to cancel a wellness check and mammogram that was scheduled but something said, "Keep the appointment." It was now 5 years since my first diagnosis of breast cancer and they felt that if the cancer hasn't returned in that five years' time you were on safe ground so I had no concerns.

Within days after the mammogram Dr. Mann called and asked me to come in for X-rays; probably nothing to be concerned about but wanted to be sure. Nothing conclusive found but I kept getting sicker.

President Hinckley had arrived with Elder Maxwell for our Christmas Visitor's Center festivities. More Ambassadors than ever had RSVP'd and the reception for them was oversubscribed with many members of Congress participating. Elder Maxwell, though he had just finished a course of brutal chemotherapy and his immune system was basically nonexistent, was still going to stand in that receiving line and shake hands with all the dignitaries,

and greet and mingle with the hundreds of other guests. When I asked if this was wise he said that President Hinckley had said: "We just go on with the work, Neal."

As mentioned earlier, I drove Elder Maxwell the 45 minutes to see Joy Korologos. The drive back to the hotel was difficult as waves of nausea kept sweeping over me. After dropping Elder Maxwell off at his hotel and finding myself near my doctor's office I willed myself into that office. He found my blood pressure dangerously low, my pulse weak, and noting that I could barely stand wanted me to go by ambulance to the hospital. I said I must attend to this evening's event; how could I not with the example that had just been set?

Though this attack on my body required leaving the receiving line often to splash cold water on my face, and frequently having to find walls on which to lean, I made it through the evening right until the time President Hinckley was saying his last farewells. As we were saying goodbye at the door I had to sit down on the chair propping the door open or I would have fallen to the floor. I'm sure he thought this was very strange behavior.

The next morning I went to the office to tie up loose ends but by afternoon I was in the hospital. Dr. Mann ran very sophisticated tests, had Cat Scans, ruled out heart attack, stroke and on and on. After four days I was doing better and wanted to get on with my life. He labeled it an attack on the adrenal glands of unknown origin (it has taken until spring of 2011 to identify what would cause the adrenals to act in such a manner but I'll get to that in the next section.)

I went back to the business of the office and preparations and hosting of our Christmas party and other events, however, I note that by the 18th my blood pressure was again critically low and more exams and X-rays revealed a lump hidden behind scar tissue where the lymph glands had been removed.

I suggested we wait until after Pierce and I returned from spending our Christmas with Tom and family in Houston for further tests. Though I continued to work with the office by telephone it was a grand time. We saw the Houston Ballet performance of the Nutcracker, dined out often and the family put on a Christmas Eve program. Heather, Michael and Matt enjoyed the gifts we'd brought from China. We saw 101 Dalmatians movie with Heather and Michael and were able to see TJ's basketball team play

basketball. He was a very good athlete, focused and appropriately aggressive; surprising to see as he was quite a laid back, gentle soul.

After Church on Sunday Pierce conducted a 'father's interview' with each of them. Shauri had been called to be Stake RS President in May. Tom related the joy he had experienced when he traveled to the Philippines for business and of his return by boat to his old mission area of Cebu, of his finding many he had baptized now serving as Bishops and Stake Presidents and of the joy he is now finding as Mission Leader in his Ward.

Tom then asked Pierce to dedicate and bless their home. This is something we have done in every home we have occupied and he wanted his father to bless his. As I had barely been making it through the days, Pierce and Tom gave me a blessing as well. In my day timer I note: "I was promised health necessary to do the Lord's work, words so similar to blessings I had received before and have since. It seems that such is His plan and though I had been tried I have also been richly blessed. There is still much work for me to do for women and the nation and the Lord is pleased with my work."

We celebrated New Years in Houston and returned to DC the next day to learn that my brother Warren had started chemotherapy, my sisters Cloe's husband had died, another sister Dessa had a very bad break in her arm, my brother Morris' heart transplant was trying to reject and I was scheduled for biopsy on the 4th.

For a family that always considered themselves healthy we weren't doing all that well. And oh how many beloved friends were sufferings, or being called home, and yet each and every one of us knew that we were blessed beyond measure.

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Amidst the worldly comings and goings,
observe how endings become beginnings.
Tao Te Ching.

Should we have all the tributes of the world be heaped upon us they would have paled in comparison to the glorious evening hosted in our behalf on October seventh. Seated beside President Gordon B. Hinckley and his remarkable wife Marjorie, Pierce and I were in awe of that assembly.

Gathered together in the beautiful Ambassador Room of the Joseph Smith Building was his Counselor, President Faust, and eleven of the Twelve Apostles along with their wives; none else. (Elder Nelson was on assignment).

The setting was elegant but very personal and intimate. President Hinckley and each Apostle thereafter, spoke of their gratitude for my (and our) work in opening the doors to the world for the Church. The praise was too abundant, the recognition too great and the gifts too generous. However, the love and friendship we felt and the memories engendered will last us through the eternities.

I was presented with a glass bowl engraved: "To Beverly Campbell for devoted service in opening doors to the world." Of all worldly goods, this is my most treasured possession.

STATE OF THE WORLD: Deng Xiaoping, leader of China, dies at age 92. The British government returns control of Hong Kong to China. The Irish Republican Army announces a cease-fire in its long fight with the British government. Mother Teresa dies in India. Islamic extremists kill seventy people in Luxor, Egypt. More than 100 nations sign treaty to ban use of land mines.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: Church membership reaches ten million. It took 164 years to reach nine million and only 3 to reach ten million. There are over 100,000 members on the African continent. Members in Siberia begin pulling a handcart through Russia and Ukraine to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the pioneers' arrival in Salt Lake City. President Hinckley announces the formation of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Quorums of the

Seventy who are called Area Authorities and breaks ground for the new Conference Center in Salt Lake City which will hold twenty-one thousand people. He announces the plan to build smaller temples around the world to bring them closer to the people.

OUR PERSONAL WORLD: I had alerted key staff and appropriate personnel at Church headquarter while at October Conference last year that I would like to retire in the fall of this year, but when diagnosed in January for the second time with Breast Cancer I knew immediately that the grand journey of the last twelve years was at an end. And it was time. The date or retirement was moved to April 1st.

As I weighed what needed to be done in that last three month period I came to understand that this was all part of the Lord's grand scheme; the work as I had known it could now be shifted to other hands.

There were now Area Presidencies covering the globe, recognition of the Church had been granted in enough countries that essential footholds were in place, it was indeed time to make this office a part of the institutional Public Affairs Office at Church headquarters as its work now needed to be directed to support and keeping doors open rather than bold initiatives and opening doors.

It was difficult saying 'good bye' to something one had devoted almost every waking moment for thirteen years but it was time; my work was complete. Though the cancer surgery and aftercare was difficult I found this forced down-time allowed me to commence plans and address projects long put on hold.

HIGHLIGHTS

President Hinckley visits Costa Rica, Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama and we arrange State Visits as requested. *Plans for initiatives with Morocco. *New Ambassador Uganda arrives. The work begins with him as there are even more problems in-country. *Humanitarian Aid for Bulgaria is delivered.

*We host a dinner for new President of CPAFFC of China. *Arrangements are made for high level meetings in Egypt. *Provisions are made for archiving

work to begin in Lithuania. *Work with India and Egypt at forefront. *Visits by Ambassadors to SLC shifted to BYU as primary host.

A long contemplated journey to trace Pierce's Campbell ancestry, only unearthed in the last few years, was now organized. With grandchildren in tow, joined by Tom and Shauri and whenever possible by Marc, we traced and traversed the trail those courageous Campbell ancestors had taken starting in upstate New York, to Kirtland, to Nauvoo and Winter Quarters, attempted to find the location of the deaths of ggggrandparents Benoni Campbell and his wife who had died of cholera during the trek and were buried along the trail.

I was also able to carve out the blocks of time required to finish my research on Eve. With the help of Julie Fredrickson as secretary, I put it together and took the next steps of working on the book on Mother Eve. Pierce and I began the concrete steps preparatory to the, where and how of our next block of years.

Because this year is not project oriented I will address it in linear fashion.

INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS: JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

The year began at a private dinner hosted by Dr. Ni, the **DCM of China** who had been to our home so many times and now he was returning to China. Dr. Ni was sensitive and brilliant and would be missed. He presented us with a beautiful blue and silver tea set in a lovely presentation box which will be kept for our posterity. He is going to a position in the National Congress and promised to watch out for our interests in-country.

Elder Russell M. Nelson was in DC for meetings at the White House on the 6th and expressed an interest in touring the Holocaust Museum. I called my friends there who arranged a very intimate tour. As we moved through the heart rending exhibits I told him of my experience with my viewing of *Schindler's List.* The next time I went to his home he played a composition which sounded familiar. He said, "Don't you recognize the theme from *Schindler's List?*

President Gordon B. Hinckley was traveling to **Central America** and had suggested I use 'protocol' to alert nations of his presence in their countries. On the 7th I met with the Ambassador of Honduras, Costa Rica, and

Guatemala, on the 10th with Nicaragua, 14th with El Salvador and on the 17th with Panama to personally deliver the letters notifying their Heads of State of President Hinckley's visit to their countries and to answer any questions they might have.

It was suggested that we might wish to seek a brief meeting with the **President of Costa Rica** and the process was set in motion. The Ambassador was a delight and after cutting through much red tape, changes of plans and confusion with our Church leaders in-country there was a last minute suggestion that we needed to cancel. All plans were in place but no one in-country had noticed the time conflicted with the gathering of the Church members to present a program they had been working on for months. Their President and Prophet must be present.

The dear Ambassador suggested we not cancel but rather seek a solution and the most amazing accommodation was put into place. Working with the Embassy it was decided that if President Hinckley's people would call the Capitol the minute he was leaving the Stadium, President Figueres, would leave his meeting, come to the main hall of the Capital and spend the 10 minutes President Hinckley had available with him.

I note in my day planner a call from Lowell Hardy, President Hinckley's secretary; "The meeting with the President of Costa Rica was a great success; if all such meetings went so well we would do more." He asked me to notify the Ambassador. As she was not available I sent her a note with a basket of treats. We received a call the next day from her reiterating how pleased their President was with the visit. To show how small the world actually is, she later married our dear friend Dr. Joseph Novello.

When I met with and welcomed the new ambassador of **Panama** on the 17th he also suggested such a meeting in country. Knowing how tight President Hinckley's schedule was I suggested it not timely but asked that the President be notified that he was coming into the country nonetheless. He did and their country offered to be of help if their services were needed.

That same day I met with the Ambassador of **India** to encourage more support of our petitions to keep and add missionaries to that country and also the Ambassador of **Lithuania** to see if he could do something to ease problems there.

That month proceeded with meetings with the **Kenya** Embassy, attendance at a private dinner at the **Hungarian** Embassy and being a guest of the **Polish** Ambassador as an outstanding group of Polish dancers performed. I also attended an important conference on relations with the Asian nation.

A phone call was received from the Israeli Embassy this month reminding us that they always came to our Western Picnic, which was generally held near the first week of October. They wanted to remind us that Yom Kipper fell on October 9th and they hoped we could schedule around that date. Another interesting phone call was received from Senator Bennett who asked me to work a problem through with the Egyptian Embassy that had come across his desk.

The Ambassador of **Morocco**, Beniassa, had a particular interest in meeting Senator Bennett as a follow up to the Senators trip to the Middle East. I set an appointment for the 6th of March and accompanied him. He was so pleased that he had such access and asked if I knew what a help I had been to so many ambassadors, in opening doors to Washington for them, that they could never gotten through. I told him he had been an equal help in his country and I was equally grateful.

On the 13th I attended a luncheon hosted by Madame Ye, wife of the Chinese Ambassador honoring the Chinese New Year. I was invited to join a table with dear friends Mrs. Maher El Sayed of Egypt and Mrs. Al-Sabah of Kuwait, Madame Ye, our hostess and Mrs. Pickering the wife of former U.S. Ambassador to Russia.

We laughed and shared ideas and a bit of news about comings and goings in DC and then got serious about planning some Sunday night gathering with just our husbands where we could discuss philosophies and learn from one another as we had discussed in the past. I had not let anyone know of the cancer challenge I was facing and was inwardly so sad to know that I would not be a part of this next phase of friendship.

To get this series of gatherings started Mrs. Al-Sabah of Kuwait set up a farewell luncheon for the wife of the Swiss Ambassador. At that time we set a date for our next meeting with our husbands but because of my health issues I was not able to join them. I will always regret that, however, within months they had all returned to their nations where their husbands took

important positions and one can only hope that the good will generated remained with them. It certainly has with me.

At that same time I was asked to help the Chinese Embassy with a planned memorial for Foster Snow. It was the University he had opened in China during that worst of the Cultural Revolution, that three of the Ambassadors had attended (I related a little of that story in my story of Ambassador's Li's visit to Salt Lake City). Many of their leaders were coming from China for this memorial and they wanted it to be attended by a good mix of Americans and Chinese.

On the February 14th Elder Ballard called and said the **Cambodian** Ambassador was coming into his offices for a meeting and wondered what he should say and what issues were important. We discussed several concerns and I reiterated the challenges they were facing and ways we might be of help to find mutual accommodation.

On the 20th President Hinckley's office called re his next set of travels and suggested I might think of what heads of State it would be important to meet with. Elder Wirthlin also called re **Thailand** and the stone-walling that was going on with registration and missionaries. Did I have any suggestions of whom and how we might move forward? As we had pulled out all the stops on several occasions I suggested we do the same again, offer our friendship and lots of prayers. This was not an unusual day. For most of the last 10 to 12 years there were many such phone calls every day.

An interesting proposition was brought to me from Dr. Zhao, a great and wise convert who served on his High Council in the DC Stake. He had been informed by the authorities of the Shanghai Medical University that if we would donate to the building of their new facilities we could put a chapel inside them. I moved this through the system and heard no more about it before I left. I also hosted the President of the CPAFFC at a dinner at my home.

We had been contacted by some of our members who worked for the State Department and traveled abroad to help them organize a network for LDS State Department Foreign Service Officers. Over the years I had been fortunate to find the one here and the one there who were working in countries of interest to us, but they could not find one another and were anxious to develop relationships together and to be of such help as they

could to us. Working through Andrew Silski and others they found a way to develop that network.

By now my staff and I had started the work of making necessary adjustments as the office would now reside under the Public Affairs office in Salt Lake (not the Public Affairs Committee of the Twelve). To this end Bruce Olsen came to DC and the transition work began in earnest. The transfer of hosting of Ambassadors by BYU was going well. We had opened the doors and Erlend Peterson, Vice President of BYU, came to DC for meetings and to attend the DC/BYU Management event to become acquainted with them and to spend ensuring days with Embassies.

The DC/BYU dinner was held on the 22nd of February. In attendance, were twenty three Ambassadors and six Deputy Ambassadors, representing their Ambassadors, who couldn't attend. Elder Marlin Jensen delivered a moving speech and though there was little time to reflect on the fact this would be my last such event, among a series of last events, it was a grand success. At this dinner the Bulgarian Ambassador approached me and asked if it would be possible for our church to send wheat to his country as the people were starving. I worked with my First Contact and Humanitarian Affairs and this was accomplished.

March was very busy with the dinners and celebrations surrounding the Moroccan Kings birthday as the Ambassador insisted I be front and center at all events. I hosted the new Ambassador from Uganda to a dinner at my home that we might be assured more stability to our struggling members in that country. I also traveled to New York to help them put in place the final steps necessary to organize and train a group of prominent LDS couples to work with the United Nations in New York similar to the IAG in DC,

PERSONAL LIFE DURING THAT PERIOD

The first quarter of the year was filled with the usual business of the office, medical follow-up and retirement. Nonetheless I continued with the Franklin Quest Board meeting and retreat, attended the long awaited Lloyd Weber's new musical *Whistle Down the Wind* with Marc at the National Theater, which was not nearly as good as Weber's other works.

It was difficult to go to the services of our beloved Joy Korologos. Though beautiful and affirmative, I have found it difficult to attend funerals or weddings since Heather's death.

On February 24th my physicians began the batteries of tests which would determine how we would handle this next course of cancer treatment. When results came in it was found to be more virulent than anticipated and surgery was scheduled for the 19th of March.

I advised the Brethren that again, I would need to move my departure up. Upon hearing this President Hinckley called to thank me for all I had done for the Church and for him and to assure me that my name was on their prayer role. Elder Maxwell called to say that he would rather that we had not shared this journey (cancer) together but it seemed we would. He then said that I would be alright and that he was doing better and loved us. Elder Nelson called to check on all that was being done medically and extend the love of Dantzel.

Elder Ballard called to say he'd been prompted in January, in a way that he knew was coming from the Lord, that I needed to be released from my duties, but he didn't know why. Now he did. Such tender mercies.

Anxious to do all I could, I continued with a full schedule, including lunch with the Kuwaiti Ambassador to say farewell, speaking to the Chesapeake Stake on the 15th, on to SLC to host the Beggs at the Choir Broadcast and for a tour of Temple Square. Late that afternoon I met with Pierce's brother John and his children to share with them our latest findings on the Campbell Genealogy and to enlist their help as further research was needed.

The Franklin Quest Board meeting required the presence of all members of the board as a vote was to be taken accepting the final terms of the agreement to merge with Stephen Covey's company and change its name to Franklin Covey. That night there was a farewell dinner at the beautiful LaCaille restaurants for Arlen Crouch who was leaving as company President. It was a busy day which changed the direction of many lives and two important corporations.

I took the 'red eye' flight back to DC for a Nuclear Bone Scan at Georgetown Hospital, and on the afternoon of March 19th attended a luncheon at the home of one of the Ambassador wives before checking into Georgetown Hospital for my surgery, which was scheduled that day for 4 pm.

My doctor was amazed that I'd arrived for the relatively dramatic surgery in full business regalia, suit, scarf, pearls, and earring, coifed and with brief case and cell phone in hand. She asked where I'd been and when I told her I'd had to leave a luncheon early to get there she said this was exactly the kind of patient she loved; they always did so much better.

I note from my day planner that I made several phone calls to embassy and senate offices while cooling my heels in the prep area. The mastectomy was performed that afternoon, with removal of all other offending areas, and it was felt I would be safe from future recurrences and would not need chemo. Such a relief.

Elder Maxwell called on the 26th to see how things were going and said that he had a bone marrow transplant scheduled for the next week and wasn't looking forward to 'going into the pits' yet another time. Flowers came from all over the world, get well wishes were generous and calls were loving. Tom and Shauri were overly solicitous and Marc and Ilene brought Matzo Ball soup and lots of love and Elder Nelson called on April 1st to tell me they had prayed for me by name in the Temple.

APRIL, MAY, JUNE

Elder Ballard called on April 9th to report on General Conference and on the 10th Elder Maxwell called to say he's feeling a bit better and that Coleen sent her love. Elder Nelson called and said he would be in DC on Monday and would come by and give me a blessing.

Don and Afton Stahlei called and talked about his new calling as a Seventy. It's always thought-provoking when one of the world's top executives who is accustomed to 'calling the shots,' accepts a call to give his full time and full service to the Lord doing whatever and going wherever they are asked. God's plan for our service and growth is so perfect.

On Monday Elder Nelson came to our home on the Potomac and with Pierce anointing, pronounced a beautiful blessing, which promised healing and heath, but counseled patience in the process as it would require time.

Pierce fixed lunch and the three of us ate off trays in the Living room where I was stretched on the couch. During that lunch we shared ideas and thoughts and testimonies. On the 17th Elder Haight called to say how much he missed

me and Elder Nelson called to say he was on his way to Hong Kong. Elder Ballard called that same day to report that they had prayed for me again in the Temple and chided me for not being wiser when I told him I was pulling myself together as we were hosting a dinner in our home for President QI of CPAFFC, with many distinguished guests.

The Lord is so generous to me in every way and he pulled me through that night. Invaluable Gloria Wilkinson took over the work of seeing to the tables and the caterers and the flowers and the place cards and the parking people and the printing of the menu's and the table cloths and place settings and lighting of the candles and the thousand and one things that no one thinks about that go on behind the scenes for such a dinner. She did a beautiful job. She has grown so much in the years since she first came to our office. I have been blessed with such an amazing group of people in my office.

PRESIDENT HINCKLEY PAYS VISIT TO ME AT HOME

On the 23rd Elder Ballard called again to just say 'how are you?' and on the 24th Elder Oaks called to see if Sunday was a good time for our beloved President Gordon B. Hinckley to pay a visit to me in my home.

Can you imagine, the Prophet of the Lord taking the time before a busy Conference schedule to come to see me? His security people checked it all out on Saturday and on Sunday morning he and Sister Hinckley, Elder Oaks and Lowell Hardy arrived. I was dressed and in the living room and they were marvelous.

The visit went on for some time with President Hinckley playful about the hill down and the stairs up, admiring the greenery and the river and just being wonderful. I wanted to ask for a blessing but since I'd just received one from Elder Nelson I wasn't sure how to proceed as I'd been raised to not seek another blessing after just receiving one. Finally, when they were leaving, I explained the situation to President Hinckley and he said, "Just know that I pronounce as in force all the blessings bestowed on you by Elder Nelson."

I treasured this pronouncement but always regretted that I hadn't received a blessing from his hands. About three years later while in his office I expressed these sentiments to President Hinckley. He said, well next time you're in dire need of a blessing come to me, I owe you one; lovely, sacred, divine. In my day timer I note: "What an incredible honor – to have a prophet

of the Lord in our home. We spoke of his journeys and his upcoming schedule, his life and that of Sister Hinckley. They have always been more than wonderful to us." I spoke of this in a letter I wrote in June.[33]

I was scheduled to speak in Houston on the 19th and was going to try to go but Tom and Marc put their foot down and so Shauri spoke in my stead and did a wonderful job. Tom had been called as Mission leader and he too was doing a great job – his love of sharing the Gospel is contagious and brings many back to the fold.

However, all did not go as well as planned. For reasons the medical community could not identify I did not bounce back. My immune system along with blood pressure and many other systems crashed, kidneys were being compromised, sed rate high, said I needed to get to a kidney specialist who rushed tests and called to say that I definitely had glomerular nephritis. (I didn't, and just this year, 20012, the cause of these dramatic changes in my body has been diagnosed. It was a disease of the immune system called the 'great imitator', but in name it is Multiple Sclerosis). I write of this only because the findings may be important to my posterity.

Elder Nelson called on the 30th of March to tell me that his visit to Hong Kong had been a great success and I was able to report to him on the Foster Snow Event, the dinner for President Qi and my own journey.

And on that day Nicholas Van Dyck, the President of **Religion in American Life (**RIAL) flew to DC, rented a car and drove to my home and presented me with a beautifully engraved Steuben glass apple from the Board of RIAL.

He said such an award had never been presented before, but I had been such a significant force for good to that organization, and that the Board held me in such high esteem and affection, they had voted to do this. I was so very touched. I loved the men who served on that Board, all heads of major religions or CEO's of major corporations.

Elder Ballard was in DC on May 3rd and asked if I would join him and Ralph at dinner. During our conversation he expressed the concern of all the Brethren. He said that he was personally aware that the Lord had reached down and saved me twice. There was obviously something else that needed doing and I should get to it as soon as possible. I believed it was my work with Mother Eve and that week I set up a full scale office in the Sky Room to

accomplish just that. On the 20th I received a lovely letter of thanks for my work, signed by the First Presidency.[34]

It was a long time before I felt 'alive' again. Since any remaining 'close out' work from the International Affairs office would need to be done at home dear Julie Fredrickson came to my 'sky room' each day and we worked on all the International Affairs projects that needed to be cleared up and cleaned up and spent what discretionary time we had in working on Eve.

I sat in the large lounge with my feet up on an ottoman and she brought things to me, took my dictation, brought large volumes of materials to me for correction or direction and suffered through my impossible handwriting, made my calls and was ever pleasant and remarkably effective.

Julie had a new baby and I would inquire each day about him but not in depth. It was only later that I found they were seeking answers to challenges he was having. He was diagnosed with autism. So little was known about it at that time and she and her mother, who was trained in the fields of developmental disabilities, were probing for ways to benefit him as quickly as possible.

Most nights after leaving a full day of work she would go home to spend many hours with him on the floor doing the 'patterning' that they thought might work. Never once did she complain or even tell me and I was so caught up in my own challenges I didn't ask. Everyone has a challenge and I needed to be more sensitive and have tried to since then.

Pierce took such care of me, but gave me room to make decisions about how much I would do and how I would use my time. He was exactly the right person for me – no other husband would have been so wise, tolerant, loving and generous. Tom came to DC on business and I loved having him there. TJ had just graduated high school. He had done well both scholastically and in basketball and was looking forward to BYU and a mission. We were all talking and thinking about our planned trek.

At the end of the month my brother Warren and his wife Lynn, both of whom had always been so generous and thoughtful when I was in Salt Lake and who we both enjoyed enormously, were coming for a visit and to do some family history work together.

This was just the boost I needed. They would prop me up in the back seat of the car and with Pierce driving off we would go to search records wherever we could find them, northern Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania where we found records of the Deardorff family back to 1683. We had such a good time and made some important finds. We even got to the Temple to do some of the names. Isn't it wonderful to have family history as a bonding factor in families – and as an excuse for travel and having such great fun?

Bill and Donna Marriott hosted my DC retirement party from International Affairs in their home on the 21st of this month. It was an exquisite evening; the arrangements and guests were just as I would have wanted. There were flowers everywhere, tables were set in the atrium, live music was being performed and many Ambassadors and dear friends from all over the area and all walks of life came to say good bye. Elder L. Tom Perry and his wife were sent to represent the Brethren and they, along with Donna and Bill and Pierce and I formed the receiving line.

I was particularly pleased to greet Ambassador and Mrs. Ray of India, who were retired but in the country. They presented me with a magnificent emerald green and gold sari of exceptional workmanship. Tom and Shauri flew in from Houston and following the party we had a lovely family evening. This was my first real outing and I remember being challenged but happy.

Ambassadors still called and looked to me for direction when asked to do something for the Church in their countries and invited me to all their events. After a particularly dear call from the Kenyan Ambassador saying as long as I was available he would continue to consider me as his first contact for the Church, I realized that it was not only time for me and them to move on, but that it was time for us to physically move from the area. Our work was done.

THE TREK TO FIND OUR CAMPBELL ANCESTORS AND OTHER MATTERS

June began the 'Great Campbell Trek' as mentioned in Highlights. We were anxious to learn more of Pierce's Campbell history and to share this great heritage with our family. Matt and Bradley arrived on June 3rd, and we four began our drive from Washington, D.C to Medina, Ohio where we stopped at the Medina courthouse to trace land records

On the 7th we met Tom and Shauri in Nauvoo who had driven from Houston with TJ, Robert, Michael and Heather. They had stopped in Joplin to trace the

John Bunyan Sargent line, the maternal gggrandparents. Sargent had opened the lead mines in Joplin, helped found the town and had become one of their leading citizens so they were able to find much.

We visited Nauvoo, Carthage and Mount Pisgah where we found Joel Campbell's name (Benoni's son) on a marker. We traveled to Winter Quarters and followed the trail, as best we could, of the Markham Company; the company with which they were travelling.

Tom had done extensive research and we believe we found the graves of ggggrandfather and mother Benoni Campbell and Mary Leonard and held a reverent and appropriate service.

We journeyed on through Nebraska to Wyoming, stopping at trail sights, then to Cotton Wood Corals and were able to see the last home my father had built. There were so many memories there as, though only 13, he had named me associate architect, and we worked together on all aspects of the planning and finished work. That is where my interest in architecture began, but certainly is where it found root.

We then went on to Lyman and Fort Bridger and explored the Brough/Slagowski history in the settling and building of this town. We arrived in Salt Lake on the 15th, took Bradley to the airport as he needed to be back in Virginia, and we all went to Market Street Grill for the Clam Chowder Pierce loved so much.

On 18th, Elder Balled tracked me down and asked what's happening to the Religious Liberty Bills, saying: "Can't get information I need and know you'll know where the bones are buried." I quickly checked with my resources and was able to give him full briefing.

Pierce began the long drive back; he loved driving and the freedom to explore so for him this was his own kind of 'get away.' I needed to stay in Salt Lake for a meeting with Sheri Dew and others at Deseret Book and then on to BYU where I attended a series of seminars, following which I spoke at their special Leadership Seminar for Executives.

At that point, Power Point programs were just coming into their own and I had decided this was the medium I wished to use to present my subject. Unfortunately neither I, nor others I went to for help, could work through the bugs. Tom, who used this vehicle often in his presentations, was in Salt Lake

and so early Saturday morning he drove to Provo and after a few tries was able to sort it out for me and then stayed on to run it for me.

I was so grateful, as this was an important audience, primarily male, and I wanted to provide useful information in a professional manner. It is interesting that no matter how much one had accomplished, most women of this era were still on 'probation' as equals in the professional world. This had not been a real problem for me, but, as with most women in that world, we thought we had to do more and do it better than our male counterparts.

I do remember that all seemed very pleased and note that Nolan Archibald, CEO of Black and Decker paid me the great compliment of saying it was the best among the greats who had presented at that Seminar.

The banquet that night was most enjoyable as I was seated next to Monte Brough of the Seventies, a second cousin. I had spent time with when in Hong Kong and China where he served in the Area Presidency, and we were seated across from Barbara Lockhart, dear friends, with so much to share. Pierce called that night to say he'd just crossed the Wabash River and should be home about the same time I arrived. The following day Fay picked me up at the airport at 5 and Pierce arrived at 7.

On return home Julie began coming to the Sky Room again and we began the next phase of work on Mother Eve. I note in my day planner: Worked on Eve until midnight. Work going well, new confirmation of concepts daily. I talked with Dan Ludlow re meaning of the word 'naked' in that biblical text and he quoted John Taylor: "At time of judgment we will be naked and open before Him," and stated that the Hebrew word, as used in Genesis story, does not mean unclothed, but vulnerable and open.

On the night of the 26th I was a dinner guest at the home of the Chinese Ambassador. After dinner we went into his Salon where he began asking me some questions. When I advised him that, as he knew, I no longer officially represented the interests of the Church, he said it was a 'trust issue;' he trusted me and was not yet ready to transfer that trust to others of our representatives in Washington.

I tried to explain how we function as we move from one position to another in the Church, that each just picks up where the other left off. He spoke of his own retirement which he was considering, what work needed to be

considered for us in China, and even of his son's wedding which had been a true celebration.

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

I came to realize that this home that had been 'built for the Lord's purposes' had indeed been holy and blessed, but now it was just a lovely home, much too big for our needs, much too filled with things. I really didn't want it anymore, nor did I want all those rooms filled with 'things' and realized that the season of 'divesting' myself of worldly goods had begun.

The remainder of the summer was busy with getting the house ready to be put on the market, going to Salt Lake for Franklin Quest, which had now become Franklin Covey board meetings, to Logan with Ariel for the Utah Festival Opera Board meeting and performances, which were divine as always, and sorting through the complex and complicated story of Mother Eve and trying to put it in manuscript form.

I noted in my day timer of an exceptional spiritual experience, as I was working late one night on the manuscript: "I was overcome with a glorious sense of Heaven's women being present in my 'upper room'. The feeling of their interest in the project was overwhelming. There was some urgency that it needed to be completed." A few weeks later I made a note: "Wonderful new insights being given from on high,' and a few days later: "Each day there are exciting promptings as to where the Lord wants this to go – it is now out of my hands.'

Elders Packer, Maxwell, Nelson and Ballard continued to call often to check on my wellbeing. I note on the 20th Elder Maxwell called and we reminisced for 20 minutes. He said he was feeling better and that prayers were being answered and on the 21st President Packer called to 'check in" and to tell me about their 50th Wedding Anniversary party.

Elder Maxwell continued to send us personally autographed copies of his new books and Elder Nelson checked on my health and Elder Ballard, who now was serving as First Contact for IA advised of projects in which we had a common interest. Elder Holland called to say thinking of you and Elder Oaks called to thank us for flowers sent to he and June and to update us on her health, which was now critical.

There were informal contacts with former friends from the diplomatic community although I kept these at a minimum. The wife of Ambassador Tarawneh of Jordan came to the country and we dined together. Li Jianping, who had been our first host in China and had travelled with us throughout that first visit, was in Washington with his wife and daughter. It was a joy to see him and have them in our home for tea. Ambassador Kalnin's wife asked if we could meet for lunch. Among other things we talked of monetary struggles in her country; she was a professional woman and needed to find a job. I sent her resume to several people I knew.

This spring TJ graduated in the top 10% of his class, was a National Honor Society member and began his studies at Brigham Young University in the fall. Robert began his freshman year at Dulles High where he played football and track/pole vaulting. Matt entered 6th grade and started to learn to play the trumpet and Michael entered 3rd grade at Highlands. With Heather in Kindergarten Shauri now has a child in every stage of schooling and lots of PTA meetings. Marc Bradley, Jr. entered middle school and all were moving according to the plan.

THE DINNER WITH PRESIDENT HINCKLEY AND THE BRETHREN AND THEIR WIVES

In a letter from Elder Maxwell, dated September 13, he inquired if we would be available for a dinner the Brethren would like to schedule in our honor on October 7th in Salt Lake. When we called and said, "Of course," we had no idea the scope of this event.

He then advised that President Hinckley would be the host of this dinner and that the date of October 7th had been selected because it immediately followed October General Conference and most of the Brethren would be in Salt Lake City and this would allow them all to attend. We could imagine no greater honor.

We arrived at the Ambassador Room in the Joseph Smith Building to a room set with tables of eight. There we were greeted by President Gordon B. Hinckley, Faust, Packer, Maxwell, Eyring, Hales, Wirthlin, Perry, Haight, Ballard, along with their wives. Dantzel Nelson was there to represent Russell who had to be at the White House in DC for a meeting that day and who had sent a note and gift.

We were seated at the table next to President and Sister Hinckley and Elder and Sister Faust. After a welcome from President Hinckley and the service of the main course, President Hinckley asked Elder Faust and Elder Maxwell to make a few brief comments.

I couldn't take notes but Pierce did and the following comments are from his notes: President Hinckley: "Beverly changed the Church's efforts to dialogue with Washington and International leaders from timid to fearless. There was no one she could not make her friend." In his closing remarks he again reiterated this theme: "Don't know what was wrong with our people, maybe timid or something, but Beverly changed all that."

Elder Faust, after speaking of our journey together and my impact on the Ambassadors in Washington said: "I was the distinguished guest at the Christmas Lighting Ceremony in DC. Two Eastern European Ambassadors were introduced to me, walked right past and threw their arms around Beverly."

Elder Maxwell noted: "I remember the time when we were meeting with an African Ambassador on a matter of some importance. There were two Apostles there making the request but when the discussion was over the Ambassador turned to Beverly and asked, 'Is this what you want done?' She replied, 'Yes,' and he said, then it will be done."

I will never forget the overwhelming love I felt for all those assembled. When called to respond I referred to them as my "Beloveds" just as the Savior did his Apostles and thanked them and their wives, Elect Ladies of the Kingdom, for all that they've done for the Kingdom, for us collectively, and for Pierce and me personally.

I also spoke of the time I knew they knew my name and how my heart was pierced with terror and disbelief and wonder and how I knew at that moment I had crossed over from committed believer to avid, sobered, disciple.

I remember my eyes embracing each face in the room as I retold, one by one, a wonderful moment we had shared together. I also remember feeling an overwhelming love and recognizing the sacredness and honor of that night and wondering if there might ever be such a moment for me again on this earth or even in heaven.

President Packer had us drive to his home the next evening where he delivered a prayer over us and in that prayer asked that our property would sell and our finances would be watched over and handled well. We had not spoken of our concerns in this regard but he knew; they always knew.

We had been invited to the home of the Nelsons to share Family Home Evening with them and their family. When we arrived we were escorted into the living room where Dantzel had prepared a 'This is Your Life' presentation. Each member of their family took us through a particular portion of our lives as presented in a folio Dantzel had prepared with the grandchildren participating. The girls, with their lovely voices, sang "We Will Stand." We could not imagine a more delightful evening. TJ was at the Y so was able to join us and he was surprised by it all.

This was an amazing five days and on the 7th I signed a contract with Deseret Book for publication of my Mother Eve book at such time as I had the manuscript ready. With life getting in the way it took another four years but I felt wonderful about that journey.

Lucile Tate presented us with her finished, hot off the press, biography of President Boyd K. Packer. What an achievement and what trust. She is an incomparable woman. That night, Don and Afton Stahlei took us to dinner where we spoke of his assignment to develop relations in Nauvoo that work on the Temple might move forward. I stayed for Franklin Covey Board meetings and Betty Brough flew in to spend a couple of days.

THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

I returned to our home to find Pierce quite ill and by the 18th he was back at Georgetown Hospital for further tests, which again were inconclusive. My own tests showed some concern with spots picked up on my other breast. Exploratory surgery was performed on the 22nd, with removal of tissue, but it was not malignant

November was filled with a variety of activities; I spoke at a Relief Society Conference in Richmond, Virginia. Among those gathered were dear sisters who had been friends since the ERA years. On the ninth, dear Marc Bradley, Jr. was ordained to Priesthood in Annandale Stake. He is a glorious young man.

That evening we dined at the Romanian Embassy with the Ambassador. Later Hoda Mayer, wife of the Egyptian ambassador, asked me to be a special guest at a luncheon she was hosting for many dear friends from Middle East. I reminded her that I had retired, and she reminded me that I had not retired from friendship and this luncheon was so all the other Ambassadors wives could say good bye.

The next week, in a similar scenario I had dinner with the Ambassador of Botswana at his home, and a luncheon was given for me by Ambassador Jacobvides of Cyprus and his wife. They had been gone all summer and had just returned to learn of my retirement.

I was still trying to honor speaking and other engagements, some which had been on my calendar for more than a year and note that on the 16th I spoke at a fireside in Arlington and on the 18th attended a reception at the Latvia Embassy and a dinner at the JW Marriott Hotel for the Toni Awards.

On the 22nd Virgie and Johnny, my beloved service missionaries, came to my home to say good bye as they were returning home. What exceptional women they were and the work they did was beyond yeoman.

We flew to Phoenix for our Brough Big Ten reunion on the 24th, so important to be together. Also we needed to make a final decision as to whether we would go ahead with building a home in Sun Lakes for our retirement. We visited this lovely community again and decided that, indeed, this would be a good place to retire to. Doctors felt Pierce would do better in that climate and I knew we had to begin to take concrete plans to enter the next phase of our lives.

We did decide to go ahead with building our home in Sun Lakes, selected another lot, and put plans in motion to place our beloved Crest Lane home on the market. As it was a very large and very expensive home, and the real estate market in the DC area was depressed, we felt it would likely take a year or more to sell, so our thoughts were, to begin building in Sun Lakes in 1999, or before if needed.

December was a blessed time. We relived each tradition in that home and spent time thinking of all that had transpired; something we seldom did as it was in the nature of both of us to look forward rather than back. There were many lunches and dinners, but we rsvp'd to only those embassy invitations we thought were necessary in the name of friendship. It was time for these

embassies to come to know the new people in the IAO office and its new roles.

My day timer shows a luncheon with Ariel Bybee and Mary Foulger, two of my favorite people, dinner at the home of the Beggs with whom I served on the Franklin Covey Board, attending a memorial service for Madam Ye at the Chinese Embassy, Pierce and I were present at the always delightful Christmas party at Polish Embassy. I also note my delight at being Nancy Marriott's guest as she presented a concert at the Anderson House, an exceptional reception at the new Russian Embassy and a Secret Santa Party at Richard Marriott's home on the 19th.

Christmas was celebrated at Crest Lane with Marc, Ilene and Bradley with us for four fun filled days but I still wasn't feeling terrific and so didn't do any other personal entertaining.

And so this portion of our lives ended and we embarked on the next grand adventure. It's always amazing to see the Lord's plan for your life unfold. How grateful I am for every moment, challenge, opportunity and blessing of my life so far. I could never have imagined anything so superb. My prayers each night include thanks to the Lord for using a vessel such as me to do a small work in his Kingdom, for trusting, loving, forgiving and believing in me and for gifting me with an extraordinary husband and two exceptional sons, six grandchildren and for trusting me with his daughter Heather for her time on this earth.

His Plan is perfect!

There will never be enough words to appropriately recognize and thank those who provided indispensable support to me through these International Years.

While I cannot begin to name all, I would like to identify key staff who worked tirelessly and with great good will, always going the 'extra mile'

My Public Affairs work started with Carol Petranek as part time assistant. She was unfaltering and brilliant in that undertaking, and after she took another position, it was she who was my assistant when research and writing began on the book about Mother Eve in 1986.

Cathy Allen Hill was my assistant as we opened the first office, leaving her Capitol Hill job to take on the task. Dorothy Minor joined us in the front office in 1987 and Angela Singsumahle followed. Colleen Hiatt was my special assistant as we planned and executed the diplomatic outreach and in country dinners in emerging Eastern European nations during the 1990 initiatives.

Primary among those who became core staff and moved into positions as country specialists during the heavy expansion years were Celia Barnes (Benson), Gloria Wilkinson, Julie Shipp (Frederickson), and Alysa Hatch (Whitlock).

Each wore many hats in the development and execution of outreach events. Celia and Julie were 'after hours' sounding boards during the years of final research on the subject of Mother Eve. Gloria became my right hand in the 'winding up year' of my work. Each of them, through the years, have encouraged the writing of this history and helped in organizing materials. Each of them have remained beloved friends, almost daughters. I will ever be grateful for the glorious spirits, untiring work and great good will.

I was also fortunate to have a few full time service workers and missionaries. The first of these was President Ira Somers, followed by Elder and Sister Douglas Nicholes, Elder and Sister DeMar Tuescher, Sisters Elaine Barnes, Berta Nielsen, Virgie Lasater, Berta Nelsen and Carolyn Goodman. Dr. and Sister Madison Thomas were my first service missionaries in the New York office, followed by so many other able and dedicated couples

THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP AND INTERNATIONAL HOSTING COMMITTEE

While Elder Nelson was in DC in June of 1990 the **International Advisory Group** was formally organized as an arm of our outreach program. At that time seven new couples and three sisters and their partners were called to serve on the International Hosting Committee.

I had requested the best and brightest in the greater DC area; leaders in the business and government community and also faithful Church members. That is who were called and set apart.

Unfortunately, files containing the names of all those who served on that group since its formation in 1990 have been lost. I am certain names will be omitted so please forgive me. There is no one who served who was not valued beyond measure.

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Korologos, Tom and Joy
McQuivey, Raul and Karen
Marriott, Richard and Nancy
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And the joy of working with and support received from Priesthood leaders at every level, our D.C. Special Affairs Committee, members of Congress and leaders of the national and international business community will never be forgotten. The work that was accomplished would not have been possible without them.

And lastly I must thank my beloved Pierce. There are few men I know who could, or would, have put their life on hold to be an unconditional support to their wife, at every hour, in every clime, and at great personal and professional sacrifice; although he never considered it that.

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PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

September 16, 1985

The Honorable Paula Hawkins
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: BYU Study Abroad Center - Jerusalem

Dear Paula:

The activities of the conservative radicals in Jerusalem have continued to escalate to a point where it is important for us to find ways of communicating America's support of decisions made to go forward with this project to those government leaders in Israel who have been so helpful in making this center a reality. There have been suggestions from that quarter that letters of support would help them substantiate the validity of their decisions and would aid as they continue to support the project in the face of such visible anti-BYU/Mormon activities.

To this end we wonder if you would be willing to write a letter to one-or-all of the leaders on the attached list. Such letter might express the fact that you've followed with interest the construction of this center, that you are pleased that it is going ahead and that the signal it gives to the rest of the world regarding their commitment to keeping Jerusalem an open city, free for all religions is important. From your standpoint it might be helpful to point out that you have an unusually keen continuing interest because it serves many of your constituents, (i.e., since 1968 some 2,000 students have participated in its academic programs in Jerusalem and in addition, 13,000 BYU alumni and other adults in the continuing education programs have visited Israel for short term travel study tours organized through the University department.)

Also if there are those amongst your colleagues who are members of the greater Jewish community and who might be willing to send additional letters of support (in a non-politically threatening vein) this would be extremely important.

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Attached is a general information sheet on the center itself, the opposition which has been expressed, etc. Perhaps you would want to duplicate this and pass it on to those people who would be willing to lend support.

If I can answer any questions for you or if you would like additional information, please give me a call.

Thank you so much for having your offices open to us.

My best,

Beverly Campbell

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September 24, 1985

Prime Minister Shimon Peres
The Knesset
Jerusalem
Israel

Dear Shimon,

The Israeli and American press (including the Washington Post) have carried several reports about the ongoing controversy surrounding the construction of the Brigham Young University Center in Jerusalem. I am writing to you about this issue because of the serious and unfortunate negative publicity Israel is receiving on it in the United States.

Last year -- as I was actively promoting my legislation here in Congress to require the United States government to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem -- I consistently argued that the Israeli government, unlike the Jordanian government during its stewardship, welcomed people of all religions to Jerusalem.

The matter of the Brigham Young University Center now raises serious doubts about this. These doubts are unjustified, but if the government does not permit the construction of this educational facility, it will be difficult for us to argue that Jerusalem is open to all religions.

There are many other issues, far more important to Israel, which require American good will. I am certain that you can resolve this problem favorably.

Most cordially,

Tom

Tom Lantos
Member of Congress

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NORTHEAST AREA — THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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We hope that this newsletter will serve as a further means of providing accurate, timely information to priesthood leaders and PCDs that they may be better able to respond and relay accurate news to media and to church members.

New Materials and Happenings

New Booklet, "Child Abuse—Helps for Ecclesiastical Leaders," has just been published. It begins, "Tragic in today's permissive society is the increasing frequency and intensity with which children are being physically and emotionally damaged through abusive acts by adults. Frequently the offending adult and abused child live in the same household." The booklet outlines what child abuse is, the signs and symptoms, and gives suggestions for helping and reporting. President Gordon B. Hinckley states, "I am glad there is a hue and cry going up against this evil." This booklet, PGSC0386, can be ordered through Church Distribution.

Neal A. Maxwell Speaks to 800 in DC —An address titled, "Good and Evil Spoken of Among All People," given Feb. 7 at the BYU Management Society Dinner was heralded as one of the great speeches to date. We are enclosing a copy for your reference.

Change in Temple Policy for Members Married to Unendowed Spouse —The following policy will now apply in the issuance of a temple recommend to a person married to a spouse who has not been endowed. *"A person who is married to an unendowed spouse may receive a recommend when he or she has provided the bishop with a written consent of the spouse and both the bishop and the stake president are satisfied through appropriate interviews that the responsibilities assumed with the endowment will not impair marital harmony."*

Russell Nelson Talk on Abortion Available for Distribution—As part of our Community Outreach activities, our office has received permission to reprint a slightly edited version of Elder Nelson's outstanding conference talk, "Reverence for Life." We will be distributing it to church groups interested in this issue. If you would like copies in bulk, they can be obtained through our office at cost.

Petition Against Mormons—A petition campaign asking the Church to quit calling itself Christian has been initiated by Richard Baer of the *Ex-Mormons and Christian Alliance* (EMCA). The plan, also supported by "Mission to Utah," was announced last summer and is expected to culminate in their delivery at Church offices in July. Copies are being circulated through *Saints Alive in Jesus* also. A copy of the petition is attached. *The Public Communications Department in Salt Lake City* would be interested to learn if this is circulated by any churches or groups in your area.

Spokesman Training—On Saturday, May 10, from 11:00-2:00 EST, there will be a church-wide satellite broadcast to teach members how to more effectively communicate the mission of the church. Elders Boyd K. Packer and Neal A. Maxwell will introduce the training program. The following are to attend: Regional Representatives, Stake Presidents and counselors, High Council for PCD, Bishops, Relief Society Presidencies, Regional, Stake and Ward PCDs, PCD missionaries and selected spokespeople. Further details will be forthcoming.

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Sensitive Issues

If asked by your local or regional media to respond, it would be appropriate to say:

Hoffman Trial

"The investigation and prosecution of these matters are in the hands of the appropriate legal authorities. Further comment by us would be inappropriate."

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AIDS

Be particularly sensitive. Point out that we have great concern and compassion for the individual and his needs and suffering. Any church member so suffering will receive full compassionate service from the local congregation.

The Hofmann Bombings and The "White Salamander" Letter

Preliminary hearings are set for April 14.

Mark W. Hofmann was charged on Tuesday, February 4, with two counts of first-degree murder in connection with two bombing deaths. He also was charged with 26 other counts dealing with bombs and numerous document dealings:

> *Thirteen separate historical documents, all but one, sources said, dealing with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are involved in the thirteen theft by deception charges.*

Evidence, which took more than three months to compile, accuses Hofmann of being involved in frauds and forgeries since 1980. A few of the documents listed as fraudulent or forgeries are:

- Joseph Smith III Blessing (naming Joseph Smith III as heir to the presidency of the church)
- Lucy Mack Smith letter (her statements of the origin of the Book of Mormon)
- Josiah Stowell letter (Joseph Smith involved in folk magic)
- W.W. Phelps letter (White Salamander letter)
- McLellin Collection (investigators say they have evidence it never existed)
- Joseph Smith to General Dunham letter (purportedly written on the day Joseph Smith died)
- Charles Anthon transcript

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Homosexuality

Emphasize that we have a single standard of sexual morality and that it centers around the commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery or anything like unto it." We abhor the sin but not the sinner.

Excommunication

Explain that excommunication is different in our church as it is just one of the steps towards rebaptism which then allows the sin to be totally forgiven and forgotten. At no time, unless requested by the individual, are they left outside the regular fellowship and support of the church. They are not only welcome, but actively encouraged to attend their Sabbath meetings and participate with the membership.

Ogden AIDS Victim Dies of Disease Complications

Deseret News, Tuesday, March 18, 1986

Inasmuch as this is obviously going to draw much media attention and will come up again and again, you need to be prepared to discuss the church's position on issues pertaining to this case.

Clair Hawrard, an AIDS victim whose story of Mormon Church Excommunication caused a media stir, died Sunday. Bishop Brent S. Farr, who helped Harward after he was excommunicated by a Bishop's Court in another Ogden ward, said he was in touch with Harward weekly.

"A number of people from the LDS Church and people from all different denominations were very sympathetic," he said. "It was an unfortunate situation that he was caught up in." He expressed sympathy for Harward and his family. "In recent months, at the direction of the bishop of the Ogden ward where Mr. Harward currently resides, the Church has supplied regular food orders and counseling assistance to Mr. Harward and has attempted to meet his needs as he has expressed them during this tragic period," a Church spokesman said earlier.

Religious News

"Religion? It Never Happened"
The Washington Post, March 11, 1986

Editorial by James J. Kilpatrick saying "it wasn't the Supreme Court that expelled God from our public-school classrooms. It was the textbook publishers." Going on, he points out the striking absence of any primary religious text and saying that on the rare occasion when religion is mentioned, it is almost always in reference to Amish, Catholic, Jewish and Mormon faiths.

"Looking Outside Mainline Protestantism"
Book Review in *The Christian Science Monitor*, February 7, 1986

Book discusses many groups, including Mormons, who have been set apart from mainline denominational life and tries to illustrate how the story of religion in America is one of diversity and pluralism, not Protestantism. The book, *Religious Outsiders and the Making of Americans*, by R. Laurence Moore, tries to rethink history by recognizing a wide range of groups as an important part of the American religious culture rather than secondary players.

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Robert W. Barker

New Temple President

was set apart on Jan. 5 by President Benson as President, Washington, DC Temple. Is a senior partner in a prominent Washington law firm, businessman, and Senior VP and Director emeritus of Bonneville International. Served as Reg. Rep. twice, member of the Washington, DC Stake Presidency and as Bishop of two wards. He was actively involved in the acquisition, fundraising and building of the Temple.

Priesthood Message

An Open Letter to Regional Representatives, Stake Presidents and Others Concerned with Special Affairs and Public Communications Issues:

"Many of you have expressed a need to receive more timely and current information as to media related issues which impact upon the Church. You have also asked for more direction in handling these issues and other sensitive matters.

To this end, we are experimenting with this newsletter which has a three-fold purpose:

1. To keep you current with or alert you to church related issues which are currently—or are likely to be—addressed by the media.

2. To provide you with specific information and/or techniques for handling such issues.

3. To present you with information, ideas and basic media tools which will help you to create a climate within your communities amenable to the positive presentation of the gospel message.

It is thought that this exchange of ideas will assist you in furthering the missionary work and expressing to the general public the basic concepts and objectives of this, the Lord's restored church.

Remember the words of President Kimball:

"When we've used the satellite and related discoveries to their greatest potential and all the media, papers, magazines, television, radio, and all to their greatest power, then, and not until then, shall we approach the insistence of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature."

May the Lord's choicest blessings be with you."

—Elder Derek A. Cuthbert

Temple Corner

"Sister Barker and I are truly blessed to have this opportunity of serving in the beautiful and sacred Washington Temple. Our assignment is to assure that everything in the temple is ready so that the thousands of patrons will find, in the Temple, a Holy and Sacred place which blesses their lives and those of our sacred dead. We urge all members to prepare themselves and come to the Temple to share in this sacred work, which brings eternal blessings to the living and to the dead."

Summer Closing

Please note that the summer closing of the Temple will begin after the last sessions on Saturday, June 28. It will re-open on Tuesday, July 15. Temple hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with sessions beginning every half hour.

Robert W. Barker, *President*

Important New Goals Established for Public Communications / Special Affairs

As the awareness of the importance of Public Communications increases, the goals of Public Communications and Special Affairs have been broadened to encompass greater external community outreach responsibilities.

- *Serve as authorized spokesman* for the Church when appointed, support others so designated, and provide spokesman training.
- Develop effective *media relations* and place positive information about the Church.
- Foster positive *government* and *community relations*.
- Monitor and help respond to relevant *public policy issues*.
- Track and analyze inaccurate information about the Church and anti-Mormon activities, responding when appropriate.
- Provide *hosting* services.

As you call your PCDs, be sure that you have carefully considered all of the qualifications required to carry these goals to completion.

PCDs can call 800-453-3860 ext. 3996 to hear a tape recording of the latest news. Updated on Fridays.

Religious News (Continued from page 2)

"Power, Glory and Politics—Right Wing Preachers Dominate the Dial"
Time, February 17, 1986

There is furious debate over just how big the evangelists' combined audience is. A 1984 University of Pennsylvania survey estimated that 13.3 million people, or 6.2% of the national TV audience, are regular viewers of the various shows. That nearly equals the membership of the United Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches combined. A Neilsen survey showed that 21% of the nation's TV households tune in to Christian TV for at least six minutes in a week, and 40% for at least six minutes a month. This adds up to 61 million Americans with at least minimal exposure.

As We Go To Press:

Construction continues on BYU's Jerusalem Center for Near-Eastern Studies in spite of protests. Prime Minister Shimon Peres has appointed a ministerial committee to investigate and recommend solutions to the problems. As of March 6, no resolution had been reached. BYU, at the suggestion of the committee, has offered to close the center to the Israeli public for a period of 2 years to allow for a cooling off of tensions. The University has consented to the formation of an Israeli advisory council that would monitor the public functions of the center to insure that no missionizing or proselytizing takes place.

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AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT

The BYU Center—What Is It?

Since 1968, over 2,000 students have participated in the BYU Study Abroad Program. Additionally, 13,000 BYU alumni and other adults in the continuing education program have visited Israel for short-term travel study tours.

Because of the increasing popularity of these programs and because the study of both ancient and modern civilizations is vital to the academic curriculum of BYU, better accommodations were required and an extension of the University was proposed. This Center has been in the planning stage for years. It has received all legal approvals, and has been a matter of common knowledge to all concerned.

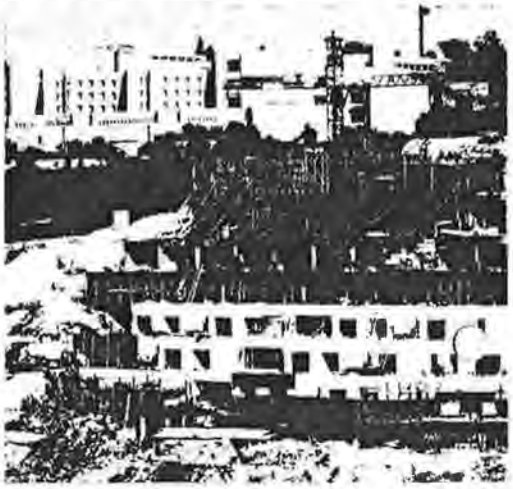
The 120,000-square-foot complex is located about a quarter mile south of the Mount Scopus Campus of Hebrew University on approximately five acres of land leased from the Israeli government. It will include housing and food services for nearly 200 students and faculty, and contain a 400-seat auditorium and classrooms for academic programs and cultural events.

Why the Opposition?

Prominent Israeli officials such as Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz and MK Avraham Shapira claim they fear that Jews will be converted to Momonism. The opposition is primarily focused within the Orthodox Community and, according to a recent poll, fears are shared by approximately 20% of the population. Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the ultra-conservative "Kach" party, has emerged as a key leader of the opposition to the Center. The rise of Kahane as a political force and his radical solutions to problems is the cause of much concern in Israel. Before his election to the Knesset, he was head of the Jewish Defense League in the United States. His US citizenship is currently being challenged.

Is the Center in Any Way Tied To the Church's Missionary Program?

No. This annex is an integral part of the university's academic offering and is *not* in any way a missionary center.



What Others Are Saying

(Quotes which may help you as you are asked to discuss this issue.)

From *The Jerusalem Post,* January 2, 1986:

"Their argument is not with the Mormons, but with the secular Jews—*they* are the enemy. The ultra-orthodox want to maintain a perpetual state of war with the Jewish unbelievers . . . in order to make sure that there is no intermingling. . . . The problem in Israel is not the Christians. . . it is the free-thinking Jews. . . . They represent the principles of liberalism, rationalism, the scientific method, freedom of conscience—ideas that have a terrifying plausibility and for that very reason are liable to destroy the foundations of religious fundamentalism."

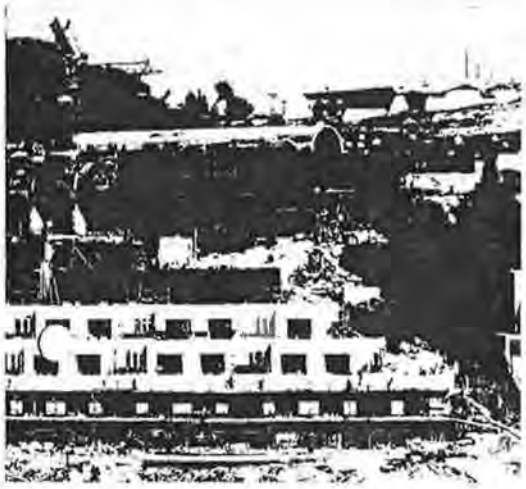
From *The Jerusalem Post,* columnist Abba Eban, January 11, 1986:

Commenting on a paid advertisement in which 96 university teachers warned of the imminent disappearance of the Jewish people from history if the BYU Center was constructed: **"If there were a prize for the most ludicrous document ever published since the invention of writing, this one would be a hopeful candidate for the**

Commentary By Nathan Perlmutter, National Director, Anti-Defamation League

"No matter Mormon compliance with Jerusalem's demanding building requirements; no matter the approbation for the project of Mayor Teddy Kolleck, whose fiercely jealous, almost maternal love is the Golden City's armor; no matter written Mormon assurances that the Center will not engage in proselytizing; no matter the absence of evidence that Israeli Jews have converted to Mormonism, a small minority of zealots would bar the Mormons from building on Mount Scopus."

BYU JERUSALEM CENTER



award.

"The Jewish people which preserved its identity against the conquering empires of antiquity, against the allurement of Hellenism, against the arrogance of classical Rome, against the conversionary triumphs of Christianity, against the proselytizing fervour of Islam, against the savage torments of the Inquisition, against the seductions of emancipation and the assimilation is now about to disappear in its own country under the irresistible magnetism of the late Joseph Smith and the late Brigham Young! . . . ."

How would we react if we heard of professors in a British university ranting against the establishment of a Jewish centre in what is historically and juridically "a Christian realm"?

From *Jewish Press*, January 24, 1986:

"In the wake of the defeat of efforts in Knesset to bring down the government on the issue of the Mormons, Knesset Member Rabbi Meir Kahane (Kach) has introduced a number of bills including two which deal specifically with the missionary problem.

"Kahane's first bill is an outright immediate ban on the building of the Mormon missionary center in Jerusalem. The second bill is a far reaching one which makes any kind of missionary activity—with or without monetary inducement, by gentiles or those calling themselves Jewish Hebrew Christians—illegal. It calls for criminal penalties for missionaries, their explusion from the country and nationalization of their property. Kahane has already written to the Mormons promising to turn any Mormon building built into a *Yeshiva*."

Rally Against Visitors Center, NYC

Kahane called a rally against the Visitor's Center in New York on January 26. Kahane's message to the Mormons is, "We will not tolerate your attempts to steal Jewish souls. Stop the construction now or else."

This rally drew fewer than 70 demonstrators and shows the disdain which the majority of the members of the greater Jewish community have for Kahane and his tactics.

"As We Go To Press" (continued from page 4)

Advisors in Israel have informed BYU officials that the University must actively seek to educate the public concerning the academic nature of the Center. These advisors say BYU will never change the mind of hard-core opponents, but if the University does not convey its purpose to the public at large, the majority of the population will begin to believe the arguments of the Center's opponents. An educational campaign has been mounted and progress is being made, but it will take time to counter the year of misinformation which opponents have managed to spread in Israel and the United States. **In the meantime, BYU hopes to have word from the ministerial committee shortly.**

What Might You Do?

This once again points up the importance of developing meaningful relationships within your larger religious communities.

The Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith and the Council of Christians and Jews have been our great defenders and supporters on this and other issues such as "The Godmakers."

It is important that these relationships be developed before problems begin and that we see ourselves as their defenders and helpers as well as asking that they be ours.

Kenneth W. Whitt

Profile of a Regional Representative

Regional Representative for Philadelphia & Harrisburg, PA. Founded the Sutron Corporation in December 1975 and is Chairman of the Board and President. Is a registered professional engineer and holds a master's degree in Engineering Admin. Served as Don Ladd's Executive Secretary, Multi-Regional Agent for Welfare Services, Stake High Councilor, Stake Executive Secretary and Bishopric Counselor.

Regional Reps Tell How PCDs Can Help

On January 23/24, Regional Representatives and Regional PCD's from the Northeast Area gathered at the Marriott Hotel in Bethesda, Maryland for an annual meeting. Ideas and success stories were exchanged, informative talks were given by Bruce Christensen, President, Public Broadcasting Corporation, and Dale Van Atta, co-columnist with Jack Anderson. Of particular interest was a roundtable discussion between Regional Reps and PCDs.

Regional Reps can help PCDs by:

1. *Training*—Encourage a PCD training program for all Stake Presidents and key priesthood leaders.

2. *Budget*—Work with PCD in establishing a budget and seeing that monies are available.

3. *Staffing*—A major problem. Call PCDs for a minimum of 1 to 2 years. Select best people who are self-starters, creative and outgoing.

4. *Goal Setting*—Preparing one-three-five year action plans in conjunction with PCDs.

5. *PPI*—Interview on a regular basis. PCDs need to report and get feedback.

PCDs can help Regional Reps by:

1. Providing training sessions for Stake PCDs which are informative and well-structured and held on a regularly scheduled basis.
2. Presenting at Regional Council well-thought out ideas providing a quick overview of the project and outlining ways the program can help the stakes/wards. (These presentations should be enthusiastic and positive.)
3. Be willing to become immediately involved in creating and supporting events.
4. Project the image through one-on-one meetings and timely feedback, that they are a valuable source of support to the priesthood leader by providing information on current issues and assisting him in his work.

Community Outreach

Following are some of the programs being supported by the greater D.C. PCC office. Perhaps similar kinds of outreach would be appropriate in your community.

S.M.A.R.T—The Church is providing volunteers to assist in preparing mailings and flyers for this organization, "Stop Marketing Alcohol in Radio & Television."

Interfaith Council of Churches—We are applying for membership. The group is oriented to compassionate service.

National Commission Against Drunk Driving—Church members are taking active roles in this organization.

An Idea You May Wish To Try

The National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth (NFP) has published a manual, "Operation Prom Graduation," to assist parents, principals and community leaders in encouraging and supporting alcohol and drug-free prom and graduation activities. For further information, you may contact this group at 8730 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 585-KIDS.

Future Planning-Media Events

Begin now to plan events which involve the community. Parades for Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day provide excellent opportunities for church participation. Some suggestions for the months ahead are:

May—Genealogy
June—Family Recreation
July—American Pioneer Spirit
August—Family Preparedness

Calendar (Events PCD will wish to publicize)

Satellite Schedule	April 5-6	General Conference
	May 18	YM/YW Fireside
	Sept. 27	General Women's Fireside
1986 Know Your Religion Lectures	April 22	Nashua, NH
	23	Portland, ME
	24	Hingham, MA
	25	New Haven, CT
	26	Caldwell, NJ
	29	Silver Spring, MD
	30	Fredericksburg, VA
	May 1	Winchester, VA
	2	Frederick, MD
	3	Annandale, VA

Merlon F. Richards

Profile Of A Regional PCD

Regional PCD Maryland. Was elected Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Dynalectron Corp. in 1984, after serving as President since 1985. Is a CPA specializing in management systems and holds an MBA degree from Harvard. Served as President, Washington, DC Quorum of Seventy, Stake Mission President, High Councilor, Ward Mission Leader, and Sunday School President.

PCD Success Stories

Pioneer Day

Lynn Tilton, Harrisburg PA PCD, reports that a small branch of 60 members in Tunkhannock Township sponsored the First Annual Pioneer Day Celebration which involved the entire community. Townspeople skilled in pioneer crafts, antiques collectors, and community businessmen were invited to demonstrate and/or display appropriate wares. The event was not publicized as a religious holiday, but as a "family activity day" with games, food, prizes and square dancing. **An estimated 2,000 people from surrounding townships participated.** Major press coverage included newspaper articles and pictures as well as the official endorsement of Borough Mayor Gary Bluhm. The enormous success of this event is directly attributed to the enthusiastic organization and planning of *Branch PCD Nancy Aiello.*

A Parade Float

In Cambridge and Lexington, Mass., church members created a float which was used in three parades. This participation was extremely important, because in many New England communities there are no LDS chapels.

Placing Speakers in Public Schools

Francene Pfeifer, Baltimore Stake PCD, contacted the Superintendent of the Harford County School System and offered to supplement and enrich the American History curriculum by bringing individuals with Mormon Pioneer heritage into the classrooms to relate stories and histories of pioneer ancestors. Francene was asked to give a formal presentation to the Curriculum Committee which expressed enthusiasm for this concept. She is also working to place LDS speakers in high schools' "Family Life" classes to discuss the importance and values of traditional families.

Social Concerns in the News

"X-Rated Lyrics Bill on Maryland Slate"
The Wasington Post, February 8, 1986

Maryland Legislature is considering a bill that would make it a crime, punishable by fine or jail term, to sell records, tapes or laser discs with state-determined obscenity values to anyone under 18.

"Music and the Mob"
Newsweek, March 17, 1986

Reports recently of ties between record promoters and the Mafia. Law enforcement agents investigating claims that promoters use drugs, prostitution as pay-offs for DJs playing certain records.

"Cities Get Okay to Zone Out Porn"
USA Today, March 5, 1986

The Supreme Court ruled that zoning boards can regulate adult bookstores and movie houses by scattering them or concentrating them in "combat zones." The Court went on to say that zoning laws can be the best weapon for communities battling pornography.

"Teaching Fear—Are We Frightening Our Kids Out Of Their Wits?"
Newsweek, March 10, 1986

Concern is being expressed by leading child psychologists that in trying to teach children safety we are going overboard and causing more anxiety than is necessary . . . or healthy. With such games as "Strangers and Dangers," "Safely Home" and "Don't Talk to Strangers," teaching children about safety is a booming new industry. It is important ot remember that one must strike a balance between overreacting to a lot of scarey messages and teaching children to be careful.

PERSPECTIVE

Neal A. Maxwell Interview with Voice of America

Recently, Neal A. Maxwell was interviewed by the Voice of America. Below are selected questions and answers which may help you as you prepare to address these often asked questions.

VOA: *What kind of changes do you foresee under the administration of the new president?*

Elder Maxwell: I would assume President Benson would have a very heavy emphasis on the institution of the family, that's certainly how he has positioned himself before, on the Book of Mormon the additional book of scripture that we have, and likely as not on getting our people, more of them at least, prepared to go to the temple and to receive the highest ordinances of the church. I see it therefore as a ministry in which he will emphasize these things as part of our spiritual core.

VOA: *I guess there's some speculation that at some point the church will open the priesthood and the upper administrative levels of the church to women. Do you foresee that happening in the near future?*

Elder Maxwell: We're often asked that question. There is no scriptural basis for any expectation of that kind. It's not a question of worthiness or capability, it's a question of roles and historically and scripturally the priesthood has been assigned to men and I see no change on the horizon with regard to that pattern and that practice.

VOA: *Is there a single, overriding theme to Mormon doctrine?*

Elder Maxwell: I would say it is simply and yet wonderfully that Jesus not only lived, but that he lives, that the resurrection is a reality and that we're all enfolded, mankind, in Heavenly Father's plan of salvation. Therefore all that we do is ancillary to that great reality. And this is quite important in a world in which people wonder if life has meaning and purpose and we believe in the fullness of the restored gospel that we can demonstrate that life has meaning and purpose and that God really is our spiritual father and that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem the world.

VOA: *Since the church opened the priesthood to Blacks, what kind of growth have you seen in predominantly Black nations?*

Elder Maxwell: It's remarkable. The spirtual resonance of Black men and women is very, very impressive to me and they have a sensing of the significance of the message that we bring about Joseph Smith and the restoration of the gospel. So it's in many cases very rapid growth and that includes acceptance. Our membership in Ghana and Nigeria and our leadership in West Africa is often composed of some of the leading and most educated Black men and women. They're very impressive and their spiritual resonance is very real and obviously the time had come for them to receive a fullness of those blessings.

VOA: *How has the women's movement in the U.S. affected the church?*

Elder Maxwell: I expect it has sensitized us to some extent to the need to be more thoughtful and attentive, but our women in the church were always in a position to hold significant office. Our Relief Society organization may be the oldest women's organization in the world, and Utah was the first state to have female suffrage. So we have a good history of involvement with women and yet at the same time I believe we are aware that there are those in the world who see women as not having had the full rights of expression. In the church we have three organizations that are presided over by women and they provide our women with excellent opportunities for the use of their talents and gifts and those organizations were in place long before it was fashionable to have them.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS - ZIMBABWE

Prepared by
Pierce and Beverly Campbell

June 1, 1986

During our recent trip to Zimbabwe (particularly the drought impacted Maxvingo area) we became acutely aware of the critical need for a significant number of other assistance projects (most of which involve water resource management). The implementation of any one of these projects must have a lasting and far reaching effect on the quality of life in each of the communities involved.

We were so very impressed with AFRICARE's careful screening, monitoring and project administration practices and the determination of these people and their leaders to help themselves.

We would recommend that the Heather/Kimball Fund look to the possibilities of encouraging others to supply the hard currency for these projects. It looks as though we may be able to generate enough blocked currency in Zimbabwe from U.S. corporations to supplement and do the necessary follow up there.

BVUTE DAM PROJECT

This dam would provide vital water for crops, presently lost to runoff, for a community of 2,000. Under Mr. C. S. Hungwe's leadership the people have been organized into a cooperative and will provide all of the labor to build the dam. They have raised $3,000 Zimbabwe in the community, but it will be years before they can raise the necessary additional funds.

They are blessed with an excellent site for a dam with a good rock underpining and very nicely manageable area for impoundment. They have already completed their test holes but they must have the necessary cement for a spillway and the temporary use of heavy equipment to move the really heavy material necessary for the underpinings of the dam. Beyond that they are not only able, but eager, to provide the necessary manpower to perform the hard, heavy labor of earth moving.

Cost: $20,000 Z/d. (With their $3,000 Z/d, $12,000 U.S. should allow for completion of the project. Mr. Hungwe would like this to be called the "Kimball Dam".

BVUTE GRIST MILL

Presently the people of Bvute must carry their maize 25 kilometers to the nearest mill to get their flour ground. If that mill is out of order, the next nearest is an additional 25 kilometers. For people with no vehicular transportation this constitutes an intolerable burden. They desperately need a grist mill which could convert their problem into an opportunity since they could then provide an excellent source of milling for the people in their own 11 km. radius. This would help to supplement their funds for operating the school which serves 824 students, grades 1 through 7.

DIESEL PUMP

Finally they need a diesel pump for their bore hole well (which they already have drilled using their funds). This will allow them to stabilize their water resource management and will provide drinking water for the students. This will also enable them to have a vegetable garden which, as you well understand, will provide them with a training matrix for their children, teaching current agricultural practices. This garden also generates additional funds for operating their school. (We gave them money while there for fencing to keep goats and other animals out of their current vegetable garden.)

We believe the grist mill and the bore well could be powered by a single diesel engine which would provide an economy of scale.

Cost: Grist Mill - approximately $12,000 U.S.
Diesel Engine Pump - approx. $10,000 U.S.

CHIBI SECONDARY SCHOOL PROJECT

As we reported on the phone, this secondary school (serving some 600 students) desperately needs a source of water. Presently they are carrying their water in buckets on their heads 11 km. for their drinking purposes and for the mortar for construction of the school. (From time to time we have to remind ourselves that these schools are being built not by construction crews, but by the headmaster, teachers, villagers and in some cases the students themselves). It takes but a moment to understand that by providing them with an on-sight clean water source without considering any of the other factors, we free up the teachers to teach, the parents to provide food for their children, and the children to study.

The land on which this school is situated is extremely unhospitable. There is very little hope for productive gardens and crops, but this is the only secondary school in the Chibi district and thus it provides a vital element in

the educational system. These people have been resettled here and must stay. Never have we seen such bleakness. Obviously our hope and that of AFRICARE is that projects we undertake will make the people self-sufficient. In this case the school itself is the worthwhile element regardless of productivity.

Cost: Approximately $10,000 U.S.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CONSIDERED

AFRICARE has a livestock production project which we think is an excellent model and certainly worthy of replication in a number of areas which they are in the process of identifying. The community in which the existing project is underway was given five pigs -- today they have 45 and by the time you receive this letter they will be marketing their first "crop". The women have organized themselves into a cooperative and have, with a great deal of determination and energy and the cooperation of key men in their community, constructed modern pigstyes which can be properly cleaned daily. The stock is excellent and the product is first class. Again, the need is water. Currently they must carry (on their heads) the water for the pigs and for the daily cleaning of the pens from their dam which is a distance of 6 km. This dam represents the sole source of water for the entire community. Their livestock (cows and goats) must be treated with dip; they then go into the dam to drink, polluting the water with the dip, and the people must drink from that same dam. These people have shown that they can and will manage and do well with the least amount of help. We would like to see them get this well. As did most of the area we are talking about, they lost their maize crop this year because of inability to water from the dam.

Cost: Approximately $12,000 U.S.

AFRICARE has identified and preliminarily reviewed a secondary school where the majority of the students are from such a distance that they must become boarding residents. There are no sleeping facilities and the children have dug holes in the ground and are sleeping at night in these bare holes for warmth, without even covers. The determination of these children and their families to get an education is difficult for us to comprehend. We did not see this school and are not sure just what we would ultimately recommend but have asked Miss Lucile Thomas of AFRICARE to look into it further and make recommendations.

We have had conversations with AFRICARE concerning other much needed projects which we will not discuss at this time but which we feel should be undertaken in due course.

TEXTBOOKS

Wherever we went the headmasters told us of their great need for textbooks. Currently most classes have only one textbook per subject per class (approximately 40-50 students). As you know the school system uses English texts exclusively, since no technical publications are available in Shona (their language). Therefore, any texts we can obtain in English would be of great help.

We have spoken with the Deputy Minister of Education who is going to have his staff draw us up a list of the types of texts they would find most helpful. We hope that we can then persuade American publishers to provide us with their surplus for nothing or at most cents on the dollar. The cost then would be in shipping. Anyone who has contact with textbook publishers would be a help in this project and we would appreciate recommendations of those who could help.

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PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Report

To: Richard Lindsay, and Special Affairs Committee
Elder Russell Nelson, and Elder Robert L. Backman

From: Beverly Campbell

Date: October 29, 1986

Re: Meeting with Konstantin Kharchev, Chairman of the Council on Religious Affairs in the Soviet Union

Background

On Thursday, October 23, 1986 I received a telephone call from Rabbi Schneier, Head of the Appeal of Conscious, advising that Konstantin Kharchev, Chairman of the Council on Religious Affairs of the Soviet Union would like to meet with elected leaders of our church on Monday, October 27, 1986 at 5:30 pm in the evening. Previous contact had been made with Elder Ladd regarding the fact that Kharchev would be in Washington and inviting Elder Ladd and myself to accompany him to the Kennedy Center Monday evening.

Later a special request was made that Ambassador David Kennedy be in attendance at this meeting. I spoke with Brother Kennedy and he advised that he was departing on Monday for the Near East. I also spoke with Elder Haight about this and he suggested that we include President Robert Barker in the group we brought together. The majority of Special Affairs committee and also others I would have wished to included in this meeting were out of town. We had an excellent meeting however with President Barker, Ralph Hardy, and Dick Richards, in attendance.

Chairman Kharchev was accompanied by Rabbi Schneier and also a friend from the Russian Embassy who is a specialist in economic affairs and the Ambassador.

Message

Chairman Kharchev was anxious for us to understand that there is religious freedom in the Soviet Union and that there is a great desire to develop communications on a positive vain with various faith bodies and particularly with key leaders of those faith bodies in the United States.

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Mormon Presence

He spoke at length about the 69 denominations who are currently registered in the Soviet Union and said that he had checked and found that there were no Mormons there. In inquiring as to what would be involved should we have members who would like to meet together he advised that he would personally see to it that they would be allowed to meet together. We asked if our leaders would be able to come in to help them organize and to give them training in the various aspects of administering the church. He advised that that would be possible. He pointed out that we would not be albe to have any Sunday schools as schools are the sole responsibility of the government itself; however that we would be able to have regular worship services for all ages. He also advised, in response to a query, that there would obviously be no proseletizing allowed. In discussing what would be a meeting place for our members he said it would be possible for us to have a buidling. Such a building would be paid for by the members themselves and not by the government.

Greetings to Salt Lake City

As he was departing he asked if we would convey his best wishes to our leaders in Salt Lake City and also if we would advise those members of our leadership who have government positions of his good intent. He indicated that that he was aware that the Mormons had a great influence in this administration and wanted his message of peace and consiliatory good will to be disemminated through our leaders to the administration itself.

Summary

We all enjoyed the time with Chairman Kharchev. He was a very pleasant man and I think it would be possible to work with him. Because of their feeling that the members of our church play significant roles in our government obviously we would be at an advantage if we wish to make any overatures towards organization in Russia at this time.

In talking with him privately for some period of time he again reiterated the fact that he would do everything possible to help us in Russia and issued an invitation to me and to other leaders to meet with him in Russia.

Obviously the beliefs of Communist's toward's religion have not changed significantly however, there is a great desire to win a propaganda war. They need to show that there is reasonable religious freedom in Russia.

It seems to me that this might work to our advantage and I would suggest that serious consideration be given to further contact and further dialogue if this is in keeping with agenda of the church and other information available to you.

P.S. This article regarding Kharchevs' visit appeared in the Washington Post on Saturday: (Enclosed also is a copy of my letter to Kharchev.)

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The WASHINGTON POST Nov. 1, 1986

Skepticism Greets Soviet Hint of Religious Freedom

Associated Press

A Reagan administration official and others who monitor human rights in the Soviet Union are expressing skepticism about a Soviet official's hints of greater religious freedom to come.

Konstantin Kharchev, head of the agency that regulates religious practice in the Soviet Union, said in an interview Wednesday that many aspects of Soviet society, including the practice of religion, were being reviewed "bearing in mind the goal of democratization."

"It is likely there will be some changes in that sphere of life," he said through an interpreter.

Kharchev, chairman of the Soviet Council on Religious Affairs, declined to specify how restrictions might be eased, but he mentioned "issues of the church and property" and "democratization of priests' activities."

Earlier, at a meeting with Jewish leaders in New York, he mentioned the religious education of children as a possible area of change.

Kharchev is finishing a two-week visit to the United States, sponsored by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an interfaith organization established in 1965 to promote religious freedom.

"If they're doing something, that'd be very nice," said Richard Schifter, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs. "But so far there's no evidence of that."

The Soviet Union is officially atheistic. The law forbids preaching and religious ceremonies outside churches. Priests, ministers and rabbis, who are licensed by the state, cannot teach their religion to groups of children. Parents, however, are permitted to tutor their children individually.

According to Catherine Cosman, a staff assistant to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which monitors Soviet compliance with the 1975 Helsinki accord on human rights, the Soviets this year gave religious groups a limited right to own property.

She speculated there may be some further liberalization in time for next year's 1,000th anniversary of the founding of Christianity in Russia.

But "the main change has been in the PR area," she said. "When they talk to foreigners, they make nice sounding noises."

Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, said Kharchev's visit, the first by anyone holding his position, is significant "because it is important for him to understand the impact that . . . American believers have on our domestic and foreign policy" and know about their concern for fellow believers in the Soviet Union.

In New York, Kharchev met with Mayor Edward Koch and Cardinal John O'Connor of the Roman Catholic archdiocese. He also met with leaders of the Mormon, Baptist, Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox churches.

Kharchev, in the interview, acknowledged that local Soviet officials sometimes violate believers' rights, but said "these misunderstandings stem from wrong interpretations" of Soviet law.

While predicting some easing of restrictions, Kharchev said that religion in the Soviet Union would never play as great a role as it does in the United States. The Communist Party provides much of the moral and ethical leadership that U.S. religious groups provide, he said.

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October 28, 1986

Konstantin Kharchev
Chairman of Council on Religious Affairs
Soviet Embassy
1125 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Chairman Kharchev:

The time we spent with you last evening was enlightening and heartwarming. It is so helpful to have a better understanding of one another and to explore avenues of mutual understanding.

We were most impressed with you as an individual and with your sincere desire to establish significant and meaningful dialogue with faith communities in the United States. We also felt your concern for those same faith communities in the Soviet Union.

I have advised our leaders and others of this most positive meeting, I also told them of your assurances that should we have members who would like to gather together in the Soviet Union we could communicate with you and that you would give us every assistance possible.

I do hope that your stay in the United States is pleasant and that you have a safe journey home. It would be my hope that I could meet you again in Russia.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything we can do to be of assistance or help to you.

My Best,

Beverly Campbell

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The Council of the Twelve
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June 16, 1987

Mrs. Beverly Campbell
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Dear Beverly:

Elder Hans B. Ringger and I had the privilege of a journey to Moscow, Russia, June 9-12, 1987. During this time we were privileged to meet not only with Mr. Konstantin Kharchev, but with his deputies Mr. Nikolay Mukhin and Mr. Vladimir Lissitsky. We also visited leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church, Seventh Day Adventists, the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the USSR, and the chief rabbi of Moscow in a Jewish Synagogue during their celebration of bar mitzvah.

Religious freedoms really do exist in the USSR, and we were fortunate enough to witness this reality firsthand.

To you we are grateful for initiating the idea that such a visit could be made. For this and for all that you do we extend our deepest gratitude.

Elder Ringger joins with me in extending to you our warmest personal regards and best wishes for your continuing success in all you do. We are proud of you.

Sincerely yours,

Russell M. Nelson

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DENNIS E. SIMMONS
PRESIDENT

Sister Beverly Campbell
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June 3, 1987

Dear Sister Campbell:

Just a note to again express my sincere appreciation for the magnificent address which you gave at the "Why I Believe" Fireside held Sunday evening, May 24, 1987.

As I told you that evening, you raised our series to a new high. I continue to receive comments in the weekly letters from our missionaries lauding your great message. They and their investigators were greatly impressed, and you gave all in attendance a glimpse at what the Gospel really means.

Your articulation of your feelings was exceptional. The dignity and competence with which you delivered your message were beautifully impressive, but the Spirit with which you taught us stirred our souls, and we are profoundly grateful for the sharing of that experience.

I want you to know what a pleasure it is to have the opportunity to be in the Lord's work place with someone of your refinement and capability, thank you for the great work which you do.

Sincerely,

Dennis E. Simmons,
President

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"WHY I BELIEVE"

Talk Given By Beverly Campbell at the
Washington, D.C. Visitor's Center

May 24, 1987

I am delighted to be here tonight to share some thoughts experiences and feelings with you. I speak often, both in the Church and out of the Church, however, when I was asked to address the subject of "Why I Believe," I was truly intimidated.

I do believe and I know why I believe but how do you put those often tender and extraordinarily personal manifestations of the spirit into words which will be understood and accepted by those who do not have a common body of experience?

Needless to say, it has set me to much deep and ponderous thought. As I speak to you tonight I can promise you only one thing. That is my honesty. It is important to me that you know that I speak from the honesty of my heart.

We all must be converted to our faith, even those who are born into that faith. Although a life long member, my true conversion to this church came as a young woman of approximately, twenty. My father, who I adored, died during my seventeenth year. I found, after his death, that much of my personal belief and my body of trust and faith was based on his life and his testimony. It was now time for me to search the scriptures, look into my heart, and pray fervently and often to my Father in Heaven, that I might find out with a surety if those things I had been taught and had believed hither to fore were indeed true and applicable to my life. The three years following his death were times of testing and trying and true searching, but I did come to the time of my own personal conversion. I came to know in my very soul of the truthfulness of this Gospel. I also came to know that this Church embraced those values on which I wished to build my life; a way of life and pattern of life that though demanding would surely bring wholeness and would, if lived righteously, return me safely to my heavenly home.

As I think back on those years and reflect on the importance of a personal belief system I am reminded of the words playwright Maxwell Anderson has Joan of Arc speak as she explains to the tribunal why she is unwilling to recant her beliefs - her option to being burned at the stake,

> "One life is all we have to live. And we live it as we believe in living it, and then its gone. Some people believe in little or nothing, therefore they give up their lives to little or nothing. To surrender what you are, and live without belief, that's more terrible than dying, more terrible than dying young."

My belief in the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is that real and that compelling. In the intervening years those beliefs have been put to test and never found wanting.

I recall a time some seven years ago, my husband and I were just completing a new home. I was on the floor with the carpenters explaining that the herringbone pattern I had designed for the library floor could really be worked out - and that it could be installed by tomorrow. It was very important that that happen inasmuch as we were moving into the house on that morrow. The phones had been installed and as phones do this one rang at this most inopportune time. As I answered the voice at the other end of the line identified himself as someone of importance at Church headquarters in Salt Lake City. He began his conversation with, "I have a question to ask you. Will you go anywhere the Lord wants you to go anytime?"

Now that's a question. It seemed too large a question to be asked of me with serious intent and so I jokingly answered, "Could you ask me that day after tomorrow as I am moving tomorrow." With obvious serious intent he said, "Unfortunately, not, I need the answer now."

Having no idea what was in store I knew there was only one answer and I never thought of another. That answer, "Yes, what is it you would like me to do?" He said, "We'll need you to be on a 4:00 airplane today to Chicago. You will be appearing on the Phil Donahue Show with Sonia Johnson tomorrow. Tickets will be waiting for you at the airport." Can you imagine! This was probably the thing I would least like to do in the world, it was certainly the thing I felt least prepared to do. I knew that it was fraught with negative consequences. (For those of you who don't recall that time it was in the heat of the ERA battle and Sonia Johnson had left the Church and had become a great protagonist. Her position was the popular position of the world and of the media). If there ever was a no win situation that was it.)

None-the-less I set about doing all I could to ready myself in the four hours allotted to me. As I arrived at the airport I was advised that Sonia had refused to appear with me and I would not need to go. I could understand why. I was, however, asked at that time to be the spokes-person for the Church on this and other women's issues. Thus began a very intense time of activity. A time of crossing the country as I responded to the medias requests for information as to the Churches position on this issue. Subsequently, I did appear on the Phil Donahue Show as I did on many other television and radio shows. It was a difficult time as ours was not the popular position and much of the time media personalities were quite antagonistic until they truly understood the reason for our concern. As I stated then and as I tell you now - this church does believe in equality and is in

favor of laws which support equality. It does not believe in sameness and laws which support sameness. Long before this issue was being debated in public forums Joseph F. Smith, the sixth president of the Church the year - 1901, described the position of the Church regarding women in this way:

"Men and women are begotten of the same Father, are born of the same Mother, possess the same lives -- exist by the same means, both bear the divine image and possess the same divine nature. Then why shall one enjoy civil rights and the other be denied them? Why shall one be admitted to all the avenues of mental and physical progress and prosperity and the other shall be prohibited? Shall a man be paid higher wages that is paid to the women for doing no better than she does for the same work? Shall the avenues of employment be multiplied to men and diminished to women by mere dictum of the selfishness of men? No." These were the words of our Prophet spoken in 1901. Through all the shifting currents of public opinion I have yet to hear a Prophet say otherwise.

I bring this up because recent polls show this as one of the most misunderstood positions of the church and also because much of "Why I Believe" has always had to do with the tremendous significance of and the role for women there is in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For those of you who are not aware, ours is a lay Church, it has no paid ministry. Therefore it is a Church in which everyone who is active and old enough to do something generally has a responsibility. We are aware from an early age that we must carry on the responsibility of teaching, leading and serving in the Church. From our very first days in Junior Sunday School we begin giving 2 1/2 minute talks. We become aware of community service by doing small projects to help the poor and needy. In addition to our activities in the general body of the church we advance at age 13 into what is called the Young Women's Program of the Church, a program which is incredibly valued and supportive during our teen years. A program which focuses on self esteem, personal goal setting, positive values and development of talents and being of service. During those years, we have important leadership experience in addition to speaking often and regularly in our Sunday School, and Sacrament Meetings and our youth meetings. At the age of 18 we go onto the Relief Society of the Church. (This happens to be the oldest women's organization, continually in existence, in this country.) It is an organization of such importance in the Church that Joseph Smith, our first president, upon its organization in 1842, advised those assembled that the Church had not been fully restored until the organization of this woman's society was complete). I know of no other church that has such a significant program for women. Within the framework of this organization we learn, we grow, we teach, we study, we preach, we serve - not only our sisters - but those in the community who are in need.

There is never a time in the Church when we do not feel enormous responsibility for the functioning of the Church itself. Our role as women in the Church is not passive - it is an active role. We are, on a daily basis, actively engaged in the process of carrying out God's work.

Most of you who know anything about the church are aware of the emphasis the church places on family and therefore we often talk about the importance of women as mothers. We speak of the fact that if you are a mother your number one priority should be home and family. I don't believe there are any among you who would say that such emphasis would in any way diminish a woman.

Its interesting to note the change in dialogue about women and by women in the seven years since that first phone call. At that time strident voices insisted that to be fulfilled women should and must assume careers, side-by-side with men. As a career woman myself I realized how difficult that role was and how sensitive we as women and particularly those of us who also were mothers - had to be if we were to keep appropriate and proper balance in our lives. And over those seven years I've watched women move more and more into the market place and assume the dual roles of wage earner and mother and wife. Now, as I speak I hear a new generation of women on college campuses and in church forums saying, "Please tell them out there that we want to be free to chose to live our lives in those sequential stages which would allow us to give priority to family and home at one stage and career at another."

This has been the subject of many national magazine and newspaper articles. Sara Davidson, a well-known author, says, "the notion that a woman might have it all - absorbing career, a loving marriage, children - continues to grip me with an almost mystical power. The woman who can balance family and career-love and work - is the woman most men say they desire and most women say they want to be. Yet I do not know such a woman."

She goes on to say, "The only answer I come up with is that you can have it sequentially. At one stage you can emphasize career and at another marriage and nurturing and children, at any point you will be aware of what is missing. If you're lucky, you will be able to fit everything in."

Elder Faust, one of our apostles, speaking to the Young Women said: "In the book of Ecclesiastics, it says, "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven." (Eccl. 3:1) He continues, "It seems that the new roles of women have not decreased their responsibility because while the new roles are challenging, the old roles of wife and mother are in the soul and cry out to be satisfied...Fortunately, women do not have to track their career like a man does. She may fit

more than one career into the various seasons of her life. She cannot sing all the verses of her song at the same time."

And so I say to you women out there - have confidence in yourself as a women. Listen to that voice within yourself. Elder Faust, in that same speech, said, "With your very being held still, you should listen to the whispering of the Holy Spirit, you should follow the noble, intuitive feelings planted deep within your soul by the Deity of the previous world. In this way you'll be responding to the Holy Spirit of God and will be sanctified by the truth."

As we see this dialogue develop and as we hear the needs expressed by women my testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel and the appropriate and proper emphasis it places on the truly significant and eternal truths is again reinforced.

I speak of this not only to woman but to men as well. The history of the church is replete with examples of those who have become spiritually in tune with the Lord and have been helped, protected or saved as they acted upon the prompting of the spirit. I am sure many of you have had your own special experiences.

Central to my belief are concepts of the Deity which are simple and strait forward. Needless, to say primary among this churches teachings is a belief and faith in God the father, in Jesus Christ his son and in the Holy Ghost. The God that we believe in; the God that I believe in - is Omnipotent and All Knowing, but he also is in form like a man. He is a very personal God. He speaks to and has spoken to man. He loves us and will never desert us. So personal is his love that he has not closed the heavens to revelation. We believe and I believe that we have on this earth today a living prophet who, in God's time and in God's words, is able to convey to us those messages which are essential for our progression and our salvation just as the early biblical prophets. It is crystal clear to me that if shepherds and simple tillers of the soil in Biblical times needed a Prophet to guide and help order their lives - we in this complex modern day world, are no less in need at continuing revelation from a living Prophet as revealed to him by a loving God.

I love the belief we have in the church that we are in reality children of God, and that we will return to dwell with him. This belief is articulated simply yet profoundly in one of our children songs.

I am a child of God, and he has sent me here,
has given me an earthly home, with parents kind and dear,

I am a child of God, and so my needs are great,

Help me to understand his will, before it grows to late,

I am a child of God, rich blessings are in store
If I but learn to do his will, I 'll live with him once more.

Lead me, guide me, walk beside me
help me find the way, teach me all
that I must do to live with him some day.

I love our belief that nothing in the universe is more important than the individual, his progression, his eternal salvation and exaltation. Our belief that the spirit was begotten of God and consequently, all people are brothers and sisters in a very, very real sense.

That Jesus Christ is the Saviour of this world is the core of all our teachings. He was sent, he died as an atoning sacrifice and we will all be saved.

We are often told in our church; "If you want to know if something is true, practice and live all of the tenants that you are taught. After you have done this you will know indeed if it is true." I have found that as I have lived the tenants of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I have within myself a burning knowledge of the rightness of the Gospel and the truth of the principles of the Gospel as they have been revealed in these latter days. The ease, and rightness and applicability of the Churches many programs and the practicality of them in our daily lives indeed is (to use a teenagers phrase) "awesome."

In humorous Jewish folklore, the town of Chelm in Poland was populated by Simpletons. (Now, I can tell Polish stories because I have some Polish blood in my veins, however, I don't allow others too.) The inhabitants of Chelm called an emergency meeting to consider a serious problem. It seemed that the only road to Chelm climbed up a steep cliff; it was narrow and full of curves. People were always falling off and getting hurt. What to do? For six days and six nights they deliberated, then they reached a decision. They would build a hospital at the foot of the cliff! We smile condescendingly at the foolishness of these people - why not build a rail?

Properly understood, the role of religion is not so much to pick us up after we have fallen as it is to keep us from falling in the first place. Religion helps us to develop a rich reservoir of spiritual resources, a firm commitment to a life disciplined by the commandments, and an awareness of what God expects of us. These are the rails on life's steep cliffs. There are lots of those kinds of rails in our religion.

It is no coincidence that the root word 'hail', as in hail and hearty, is the common root to words like whole and health, heal and holy. In 1843 the Lord revealed to our Prophet Joseph Smith a law of health with a promise that those who followed it would run and not be weary, walk and not faint.

Our President Ezra Taft Benson, recently said, "There is no question that the health of the body, affects the spirit or the Lord would never have revealed the Word of Wisdom. That which affects our stature affects our soul."

In part, this Word of Wisdom (just one of the many rails) encourages eating grains, vegetables, fruits and meats in moderation; avoiding cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, coffee, and tea.

It is no coincidence also that modern science has now found that tobacco is harmful in so many ways, that alcohol has enormous impacts beyond the social and personal implications, that the caffeine in coffee and the tannic acid in tea are harmful, not only to our bodies, but to the unborn. As to grains and fruits and vegetables, it is just now that modern technology has discovered that indeed if we are to avoid cancer and other diseases which depress the immune system these foods must be the mainstays of our diet.

Church members obviously have benefited from their beliefs about health. Among other things members of the church have one of the lowest rates of cancer in the nation. But remember we had to accept this on faith for 140 years.

I grew up knowing that the Lord did indeed convey to us those messages that were important for our welfare and that of our families. My father spoke openly and naturally of the times that he was impressed to take a child to a hospital, change a course of action to avoid danger or to rush out to help someone who was imperiled. I remember as a young child during World War II, my sisters, en route to join their husbands who were stationed in the East, stopped with us until they could obtain enough gas ration coupons to continue on their journey. We lived in Wyoming then. At long last they were able to go on. They had been gone from our home for about eight hours when my mother said to me, "Your sisters are in danger and they need help." I remember asking her how she knew, yet even at that age I knew it was by the gift of the spirit.

My sisters were travelling through the vast wilderness of Wyoming in mid-winter and you know how extremely dangerous that can be. My mother called the highway patrol and told them of the area she thought they might be in and asked them to begin looking for them. An hour later they were found. Their car had slipped

on an icy spot and had rolled over into a deep barrow pit. Had my mother not alerted the highway patrol they quite probably would have lost their lives.

As such deep and profound spiritual belief was a part of my growing up years, I came to expect it to be a part of my life. I found that indeed, as long as I was living in tune with my Father in Heaven and sometimes even when I wasn't, I received these marvelous and wonderful promptings. When the phone would ring late at night, if it was someone calling to say a child had been hurt or had been in an accident, my husband would say, "Do I run out in my robe or do I have time to get dressed?" It became for us way of relieving tense situations but also a marvelous sharing because the Lord has been very generous with us in this gift and we have great confidence in His promptings.

I know He will be likewise generous with you if you will cultivate the powers, open your mind to the gifts of the spirit, get your antennae up and as Elder Faust says "listen with your very souls held still."

I love the fact that so many of my brothers and sisters world-wide are touched by the message of the Church and embracing the Church as their own.

In my role as Director of Public Communications handling national and international press for the church I am often asked by the media to account for the reason that the church is experiencing such unusual and phenomenal growth. A few months ago I met with George Cornell, an Associated Press correspondent who is considered the dean of religion writers. We explored the various issues facing the church and then as a newsman he said "the really hot news is your growth". He then wrote a very lengthy article about it and pointed out some very interesting statistics, one being that our total membership has risen 70% since 1971. He quoted a study by sociologist Rodney Stark who says that the "Mormon Church shows all the signs of the rise of new world religion, an event of a kind that has happened only rarely in history." He goes on to say that, "Mormons stand on the threshold of becoming the <u>first major faith</u> to appear on the earth since the prophet Mohammed rode out of the desert." He estimates on the basis of current projections that by 2080 there will be up to 265 million Mormons around the world. Roughly the present population of the United States. That it will be one of the five major world religions.

This is exciting for all who are involved in churches and growth of churches and for the growth of Christianity. Although we feel that all churches have much of worth and much which should be admired, it is particulary exciting to those of us who do believe the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints represents a gospel which has been restored in its fullness in

these the last days.

It has been very significant to me personally to see the church go to all corners of the world. Two years ago I stood in a small village outside of Dreisden, East Germany where the first temple of our church to be built behind the Iron Curtain, was dedicated. It is truly a miracle and a mark of the importance of this gospel that such a edifice could be undertaken at this time in that country. As I watched the tears stream down the faces of the those faithful members who had been waiting for the return of the presence of the church for some 45 years, my soul cried with them at the magnificence of what God has wrought.

From my vantage point I often have an opportunity to see such developments in there very early stages. I've had the opportunity to watch the growth of the presence of the church in Poland. Again, last month, after careful and sensitive work on the part of some of our faithful, one of our great apostles went to Hungary, where he met with the officials of the government and began preparations for the church to begin activities in that country. He gave a wonderful dedicatory prayer in the name of Jesus Christ and formed the beginnings of a official organization to meet the needs of current and future members who are in that country (*add South America and Africa) It is truly a testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel as I see this work role forward.

We have another belief which touches the very core of my soul; a belief which often rings so true to those who are hearing about the gospel for the first time. That is that life upon this earth in mortal body is but another step in a great eternal march. Here on this earth we have opportunity for experience, for improvement, for growth. And the basis of what we believe here is that we shall continue to live and grow in the life beyond the grave. The significance of this principle is evident in all of the aspects of our churches life, but never more beautifully than as expressed in our belief that a husband and a wife may be married for eternity and that families can be together after death. This is the work that is done in our temples. That is why we build temples.

Because this is Memorial Day Weekend, a time set aside to honor and remember those who have gone before us, I think it appropriate to speak more of this.

We believe with so many of you that the entire purpose of our life - and of the Saviour's Life is "To bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." Someone has said that the most important event in life is death, for death is the gateway to immortality. "We live to die, and then we die to live." The real challenge, as Paul emphasized, is to endure to the end.

I have been particulary reminded of this recently as my life has been profoundly touched by the deaths of two magnificent young people. I would like to tell you about them - not to make you sad - but to reemphasize the importance of living your life fully, the importance of relishing each moment with an eye to the eternities. The importance of "being open to the spirit and the importance of making a commitment.

Greg was one of those young men that everyone wants to be like. The shelves of his room were filled with athletic trophies. Voted "Most Likely to Succeed" he was the only person to ever be elected President of the French Club without even being present. His friends felt wonderfully comfortable in his home and when his father called through the door at night, "Greg, its time for family prayer," they went tromping in to kneel with the family even though they weren't Mormons. Greg was one of those rare people who genuinely liked getting up for seminary, before he went to school, (something our young people do). He truly was a student of the scriptures.

A year ago June, he completed his first year in the Honors Program at BYU. He came home to work a construction job while waiting for his mission call. Pains in his knees seemed to be caused by all the lifting he was doing, so neither he nor his family paid much attention to them until they became so severe they could no longer be ignored. They went to the doctors. The hospital did a bone scan and discovered he had bone cancer. Months of rigorous and painful chemotherapy seemed to bring it into remission. His hopes ran high that he might be able to answer a mission call. (Something else our young people).

During this painful period, he still coached the basketball team whenever he was able, he was still the big brother who carted the kids around, he still zoomed about in his little sports car wearing crazy hats.

His spiritual life did not change much because he had always kept on top of his relationship with God. Perhaps now he communed even more closely with his Maker, fasted more often, received Priesthood blessings more frequently. Certainly he was drawn each day more closely into the circle of the Savior's abiding love.

The calm brought by the apparent remission was one day abruptly shattered - when with a return of the pain he was taken to the hospital and after careful tests he and his family were advised that the cancer had invaded all corners of his body.

Greg was journal keeper and on March 2, 1986, he made the following entry:

> This is to be a time of great learning and growing for me. I am to use this time to grow closer to the Lord. This cancer is a blessing, not a punishment. The Lord has need of valiant servants in these latter days and I hope to be one.
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> I know that the Lord lives and I know that He answers prayers. My testimony has always been strong, but recently, I feel closer than ever to the Holy Spirit. Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the trials and afflictions. Blessed are they who endure for they shall rise triumphant at the judgement. I strive to endure.

The disease raced forward in its destructive sweep. March 11th finds Greg paralyzed from the chest down and in unrelenting pain. The entry of that day is long and reflective of his innermost thoughts.

> I have so many thoughts. These last 2 weeks have been so trying and yet so beautiful. It appears that my time on this earth draws swiftly to a close. The door remains open for the Lord's healing hand and I have full faith that the Lord can heal me. It may yet fit his purposes to do so, however, I do not presume to counsel the Lord.
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> Know this - I love the Lord. The trials I face are so minuscule and inconsequential compared to the suffering the Savior went through. How can I complain?
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> Without these challenges of the last 9 1/2 months, I would never be as close to the Lord as I am now. The purpose of life is to draw closer to the Lord. My thoughts and attitudes have changed from the mortal and finite to the eternal. In this my joy is full. My life is complete. I am whole.

He continues ...

> I have had constant pain for many months. I have not told my parents about all the pain since I don't want them to worry too much. I have great pain and nausea, sores and burns, all manner of intestinal disorders and now paralysis. One week ago I could walk; now I lay helpless on this hospital bed. I used to be able to play basketball and football, drive my car, pull my brothers on the sled, mow the lawn for our neighbor and carry groceries for my mother. My soul is mortified at

> how slow I've been to serve others - how selfish I've been. I wish all men could learn from my mistakes.
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> I feel as if mentally and spiritually I'm ready to die. The greatest challenge for me has been to give up my wishes and submit to the will of the Lord. The greatest peace has come in this.

When it became absolutely apparent that nothing more could be done, he asked to go home where he could be with his family and friends. It was some 6 short days later that he began the greatest adventure of all . . . the adventure of eternity. Was he prepared? Was he living with the spirit - was he committed- I would surely say so.

The second person I want to tell you about was a lovely young woman, who had everything going for her that one could want. She was bright and beautiful and sensitive and capable. She also had a profound compassion for her fellowmen and a profound understanding of what it is her Father would have her be about. Her life could be summed up in the phrase "As I have loved you - love one another."

One letter received after her death read, "I didn't know Heather, but I worked across the hall from her office. We waited for her to pass our door each morning because of her breath taking beauty. Then we would all start humming tunes from Brigadoon - for we jokingly said - such beauty was not of this earth. We know now that is true - she simply was not meant to remain."

But this beauty did not get in her way. The night of her Senior Prom - coiffed and gowned as only those going to Senior Proms are - she saw a dog hit by a car which drove off. She asked her date to stop - jumped from the car and pulled the dog onto her lap. She sat, comforting the injured animal on the cold pavement - until her date could go find a veterinarian who would return with him. This took some two hours and by that time her dress was so stained and the hour so late that she missed the prom. She didn't mind a bit.

While a college student - she used her meager funds to support a child in Ethiopia. She worked with her father in raising money to buy grinding mills and other needed tools for starving people of Africa long before most people were aware of their plight - or it was a popular cause.

Although her life was full of fun and dates and laughter and travel and the nonsense which is so much a part of the great work of youth, she never forgot who she was or what she believed. And

she carried that belief quietly and simply - but most effectively into the arenas of her life. Three of her "sophisticated" work friends on Capital hill joined the Church because of her example.

A touching letter was written on U.S. House of Representative stationary by her very "worldly" boss of that period it read in part; "Word of Heather's death reached me today, and though my loss is not measurable against yours, I remain deeply heart struck and aggrieved with the passing of a real friend. She was always a source of charm, candor, innocence and light -- virtues too often lacking in this egocentric, workaday world ... "As the years went by, Heather taught me much about optimism, family values and spiritual ideals. She was Vicky's strength when Vicky was floundering in her search for faith... If a person's value in this world could be measured by their concern for others, then Heather's value was, and remains, at the highest index of that measure.

He spoke of her belief in her church which was unshakable, "Though she and I were often at the antipodes during friendly but impassioned debates, I was always impressed by her resolve to uphold the tenants of your faith." He spoke of her understanding, "Heather was a comfort to me when Pen was killed. Her understanding of my grief, and the grief of Pen's family, spoke volumes about her ability to cope with tragedy and her indomitable faith in God's will. I hope that all the good she did for all who knew her comes back to surround you in the years to follow."

Heather had no time to prepare for her journey. She was killed instantly in an automobile accident on a shining day in May just 3 years ago.

Let me add a postscript - a letter received by my husband (yes, I am speaking of my daughter) a year after her death, written by a wonderful young man who had worked for us the summer before he left to serve a mission for the church and was just now returning and learning of Heather's death:

Dear Brother Campbell,

I know you might find this letter a bit of a surprise, but I want to relate an experience I had a few years ago that I wasn't able to tell you about then. As you know, my mother died about six years ago. Every once in awhile, she will speak to my soul and tell me something important. Most of the time it is to straighten me out! It comes as a quiet but forceful message.

One sunny Saturday morning you and I were making steps on the right side of your house going down to the

back terrace. Your daughter and a friend walked out to say good bye before they left to go shopping. At that moment, that quiet, forceful whisper came again, but this time it wasn't to straighten me out. It was a message that I had a hard time understanding until now. She said, "Heather will soon be working with me as you are working with her father."

I didn't understand it and I didn't dare relate it to you, but now I feel it appropriate that I do."

How grateful we are that that fine young man was attuned to the gifts of the spirit. How grateful we are to have this and other sure knowledge that Heather lived her given number of days and was called home as agreed in the councils of Heaven.

Some things just happen. Some things were set in motion before the world began. We do not know for sure what promises we made in the counsels of Heaven and when we have agreed to return to that sphere to be about our Father's business there.

There are many levels of need and many arenas of preparation and the veil is very thin. Heather and Greg have - as you and I will - soon or late - embarked on the greatest of all adventures - the Adventure of Eternity.

To summarize - the reason's I believe are simple and understandable. They are reasons of intellect. My study of the scriptures and all that I have come to understand of God, His love and His person - tell me that this church is true.

They are reasons of common sense. This church represents a life pattern which gives the most to, makes the most of, and brings the most joy to individuals.

They are reasons of the spirit. My soul has cried out to the Lord and I know what no man can tell me - and that is that this Church is the restoration of the Gospel Jesus Christ initiated on this earth and give his life for.

I have found from personal experience that when one says that all they want is happiness, they most grievously, deceive themselves. They desire something different, something which when compared to happiness is trivial, and in the absence of which happiness turns to dust and ashes. There are many names for that which men desire - but the simplest name is wholeness. That wholeness is what the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings.

Ours is a life of choices. We make choices everyday - we may choose to do a thing or choose not to do a thing. I challenge all of you who are searching to continue the search. I challenge you to study this gospel. I challenge you to give it

the true test by living its tenants. I challenge you to go to the Lord and ask to know of a surety of its truthfulness. And above all I challenge you to choose rightly, for as William Law, the 18th century clergyman said, "If you have not chosen the kingdom of God first, it will in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead."

Yes, I do believe in the truthfulness of this Church.

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PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

MEMO

TO: Elder Russell M. Nelson, Special Affairs Committee

FROM: Beverly Campbell

DATE: June 24, 1987

RE: Meeting with Vladimir Janku, Director of the Secretariat for Church Affairs for the Government of the Czechoslovakia Socialist Republic and the Ambassador of Czechoslovakia, H.E. Miroslav Houstecky.

In this memo I would like to give you my impressions on 3 separate but related topics,

1) My impressions of Minister Janku and what steps might be taken to develop further relations in Czechoslovakia,

2) My impressions of the Ambassador,

3) My impressions of the Appeal of Conscious Foundation and Rabbi Schneier.

1. Minister Janku

As we discussed, the setting of this meeting was a gathering in the home of Rabbi Schneier for a group of approximately 30 people. I will discuss those further in item 3. The setting did not allow much time for private conversation however, I did arrange to speak privately with Mr. Janku on two separate occasions. I told him a little bit about our church and explained that we would be very interested in having a member of our Council of Twelve Apostles visit him in Prague. At first he misunderstood and said he was leaving that day. When I said I was speaking of the possibility they might come to Prague, he said "You mean he really would take the time to come to our country". He said all that was needed was a tourist visa. I advised him that, of course, you would obtain that visa and would be traveling at your own expense. I reiterated that the purpose of the visit would be to meet with him. He advised that if he

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were in the country at that time certainly, he would meet with you.

He made brief comments to the assembled group. He spoke about the religious freedom that does exist within Czechoslovakia in many forms and pointed out that religions were free to operate. In response to questions from the floor he advised that able-bodied men were expected to work full time and their religious activity would be a part of the free time they might have. (Obviously designed to minimize the number of Priests in the country). He advised that women were able to go into the cloistered life. He talked with great pride about the number of religious buildings that had been restored as memorials. He also advised that many were being restored as working churches.

After his remarks I spoke with him again, complimenting him on what I had heard and the work they were undertaking. Obviously, much of what was said was propaganda but I suspect that there is an underlying basis of truth. He was open and friendly and we laughed about many stories he had heard regarding the West and Mormons. I said that he would be hearing from you and he said that he would await such a letter.

2. Ambassador Houstecky

I then made a point of spending some time with the Ambassador. After I had identified myself as a Mormon from Washington he remembered the Temple and expressed great concern that he would not be able to go into that great building. I advised him that he could go to the Visitor's Center and walk the grounds and explained about the sacredness of the ordinances that were performed there. We had some lengthy discussion about the difference between sacred and secret. He asked if his wife could join him and if I would take them. I advised him of course that I would do so. I followed up immediately with a letter of invitation (a copy of which is attached).

3. The Appeal of Conscious Foundation and Rabbi Schneier

As you are aware this Foundation has great weight both internationally and nationally. Rabbi Schneiers' Board of Directors includes people of some significance. In the gathering of some 30 people that day were Peter Graves, Sol Linowitz and others of that stature, the Ambassadors to the United Nations of four countries, the newly appointed Observer of the Vatican and the heads of most of the denominations who are headquartered in New York City.

It would be my strong recommendation that we are more careful in seeing that we accept invitations as they are extended

from the Appeal of Conscious and that we honor them at their banquet once a year with our highest level of representation i.e. either a member of the Special Affairs committee or at minimum our Area President. It is appropriate that meetings dealing with foreign dignitaries are handled from this office and with our Special Affairs Committee as most of the follow up contacts come from here.

As you are aware the request from the Minister of Religion from Russia was brought to us by Rabbi Schneier and of course the invitation to attend the reception for the Vice Minister of Czechoslovakia also came through Rabbi Schneier. Certainly, our contact at this level with Rabbi Schneier should be increased and I will continue to communicate and correspond with him.

If you have any questions, suggestions or guidance please let me know.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

The Council of the Twelve
47 East South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

August 5, 1987

Mr. and Mrs. A. Pierce Campbell
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Dear Beverly and Pierce:

Our words of gratitude seem woefully inadequate to express our appreciation for the lovely dinner party at your home on Tuesday, August 4. Your matchless meal was really a masterpiece. We enjoyed it so much.

For you to be so generous in sharing your home with leaders of the Church and other nations is a marvelous thing. We did so appreciate the opportunity of meeting with His Excellency Miroslav Houstecky, Ambassador from Czechoslovakia, and his lovely wife, Maria. Thank you for cultivating their friendship so warmly. We appreciated the privilege of meeting members of your family and your other distinguished guests whom we count among our choicest friends.

Most of all we appreciate your love, your generosity, and your competence which allow you to be so uniquely effective in rendering service to the Lord's church and kingdom. We appreciate you more than our words of expression can convey. Dantzel joins with me in offering our heartfelt gratitude.

Faithfully yours,

Russell M. Nelson

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MEMO

TO: Richard Lindsay

FROM: Beverly Campbell

DATE: April 15, 1987

RE: Responses to Family Fireside Telecast of February 22, 1987

As requested, I am putting my thoughts to paper regarding the impact, as reported to this office, of the Family Fireside telecast.

I was out of the country at the time of the telecast however, I returned to find many messages and phone calls expressing concern regarding its content. I requested a copy of both the video and the printed text itself. As I viewed the tape and read the speech I felt that it was <u>not the message itself but rather the way it was being perceived</u> that was the problem. Certainly President Benson's words regarding motherhood are beautiful and sensitive and his "10 points for spending effective time with children" should be made into a poster which could go on the bulletin boards or fronts of refrigerators of every home. It's somewhere in the middle that the words allow themselves to be heard, and thereafter used, out of context.

The morning after reviewing this, having spent much of the night reflecting on the pain and anguish I had heard in the voices of both men and women in the church as I returned calls, I saw a brief news report showing four American Cardinals being interviewed as they deplaned in Rome. They were asked if they were there to tell the Pope what he should say on his visit to America. They replied something like this; "Of course not, we accept the spirit and authority of the Pope and do not expect him to change his position on any moral or theological tenets of the church. The purpose of our visit is to acquaint him with the sensitivities, challenges and realities surrounding the lives of his flock in America and to help him find words which would allow those messages he wishes to deliver to be heard by the heart as well as the head."

That, I think, is where our problem is. The middle part contained words and phrases which seemed harsh, insensitive and totally arbitrary without expressing sympathy for, or awareness of personal challenges and struggles - and without expression of personal agency.

Your office has compiled a long list of questions that are being asked. We are hearing all of those and more. We are not receiving the calls from those women who are already at home and are therefore buoyed up by the council from the Prophet. You need to remember we are only hearing negatives.

* The members of a ward whose High Council advisor used that talk to advise women that if anything went wrong in their home it was their fault and if the children went wrong and they had worked out of the home the sin would be on their heads.

* The women whose husbands are using it as a basis to say that the full responsibility for child rearing is that of the woman.

* The women who are asking why parenthood is being equated with motherhood and not equally with fatherhood.

* The social service workers; one who advised a 40% increase in caseload of women in conflict and depression since that fireside.

* Another social worker telling of a couple who have asked that their name be removed from the rolls of the church because she is a nurse and must work. This couple felt the talk was the final indication of lack of support by the church re. the realities of their lives.

* The Regional PCD's who advise of the growing numbers of strong, active women leaving the church and of the tremendous outcry of the women in their stakes and regions; of Relief Society and Primary Presidents quitting because they feel they have been told to stay at home.

Now, we know that none of these things were said in the speech. It is a heavy responsibility to craft language in such a way that messages are not easily misunderstood, are not taken out of context, and will not need to be explained or clarified. My observation, as this has demonstrated, is that we should extend even greater efforts to accomplish that very difficult task.

Following on the heels of this like a "one-two punch" were the Churches seeming insensitivities towards women, magnified by the eye of television, at our recent General Conference. They reinforced negatives and brought further expressions of anguish and hurt. This has given rise to a whole new set of questions.

Item: Women were left out of the church statistics as reported at conference.

Question: Are women truly less valued than men?

Question: Is their membership in the church less valued?

Item: Sister Jack was not welcomed or lauded as were the newly installed brethren. The camera panned in on her as it had on the brethren and then, after an awkward pause as nothing was said panned away, further emphasizing this point.

Question: Are their contributions in the auxiliaries less valued?

Item: The concluding talk which began "My dear Brethren".

Question: Are women not loved and are women not included in the spiritual life of the church?

Now we know none of these above incidents were meant as slights. They were, however, felt. They did serve to emphasize an apparent overall lack of caring and value.

If the gospel is for men and women alike then the sensitivity of those who speak for and act in God's name must be for men and women alike.

I could not bring all of these questions to light without suggesting solutions.

* Could we not look to inclusion, rather that exclusion?

* Could we not place value rather than assign tasks?

* Could we not give women a vote of confidence in their ability to use their agency in making the important and possible decisions about their life.

Perhaps all that is needed is an opportunity for a delegation representing women of the church "to speak clearly and carefully for the women of the church" and for the priesthood leaders to truly listen to these "women of the church" and seek to understand and implement programs of redress and inclusion wherever possible.

I think of the beauty and comfort Elder Faust's "A Message to My Granddaughters" has brought to women of every age and I know it is possible. The solutions are so simple,

Awareness
Inclusion
Visibility
Recognition
Sensitivity
Understanding

And when all is said and done it is my prayer that our Prophet will continue to speak out in a clear voice with messages that are for his people and that we listen and obey, regardless of the context.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

The Council of the Twelve
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December 15, 1988

Mrs. Beverly Campbell
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Dear Beverly:

As I contemplate the remarkable accomplishments of December 14, during which we were able to meet with ambassadors from the USSR, Norway, and Poland, and have a successful press conference, I marvel at your unique ability.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you and express not only my personal appreciation, but that of the First Presidency and the Twelve and the countless members of the Church and beyond who will be influenced for good because of your quiet and efficient service to the Lord and to his Church.

Dantzel joins with me in extending to you and to Pierce our gratitude, love, and best wishes at this blessed time of the year.

Faithfully yours,

Russell M. Nelson

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Stacks of books bound for Africa

500-plus members lend support in huge charitable project

WASHINGTON, D.C.

More than 500 members of the Church in the Potomac Virginia and Washington D.C. regions have joined hands across oceans and cultures to assist in a project that has already sent 180,000 text and library books to three African countries.

The books, donated by major publishers, will be used by knowledge-starved school students in Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone and Ghana. They have a market value in excess of $2.5 million.

Pierce Campbell of the McLean Ward, McLean Virginia Stake, organized the project after a visit to the Bvute area of Zimbabwe. The reception he received as he visited an area school was overwhelming.

"Six hundred small faces smiled as they were lined up, row upon row, in the blazing noon-day sun," Campbell recalled. "The children from the school sang a greeting. The village elders had gathered and long and profoundly elaborate welcomes were extended to us."

"The dignity and pride of these people," he continued, "touched our hearts. We were determined to help them if we could."

The Bvute School, like all rural schools in that country, consisted of small, barrack-like buildings of native clay mixed with straw, shaped into bricks and dried in the African sun. The school's water was carried by women of the village, in buckets on their heads, sometimes from as far away as 20 kilometers. In Zimbabwe there are 600,000 children to be educated in a school system built to accommodate 50,000.

Upon his return to the United States, Campbell went to work. He contacted Fredicka Donaldson of the Fairfax County (Va.) School System. She arranged for the school system to donate to the project used books that it no longer needed.

O. Ray Warner, who also lives in the McLean Virginia Stake, works with the U.S. Department of Education. He told Campbell of an organization that donated new textbooks from major publishers to worthy groups.

They were approached and asked if it would help the project. The answer was "yes" — in substantial numbers.

However, there were tax and legal stipulations that needed to be met. First, delivery had to be taken by an organization in the United States. Then, all books had to be unloaded, unpacked, stamped "Not For Resale," repacked, put into land-sea cartons and then shipped to a charitable organization in the African countries.

Other pieces came together. Africare, a non-profit agency in Washington, D.C., agreed to provide the cartons for shipment. And the National Farmers Association of Zimbabwe committed to help the Church assess each area's needs and assist with distribution.

But a tremendous amount of work still needed to be done to process the books and ready them for shipment. It would turn out that Campbell would have help — and plenty of it.

Members of the Church in the Washington area pitched in. The book processing started as a service project for singles wards, but soon grew to involve other wards as the word spread. It was not unusual for entire families to show up at the Tysons Ward meetinghouse in McLean, where the project was carried out.

Campbell was overwhelmed at the level of support. "There were times when 150 people came to help with the books," he said. "We were able to process 40,000 books in less than 24 hours one night because of this kind of support. We were offered help in so many ways."

Church members tackle the back-straining work of loading some of the more than 5,000 cartons of books onto a truck. The books' destination: Africa.

There were times that assistance was mustered within an hour. Campbell recalled being called by George Bailey, custodian at the Tysons building, with news that a semi-truck was parked outside loaded with books. "Those trucks had to be unloaded right away," said Campbell.

Campbell got on the telephone and contacted people he described as his "minutemen," because "they were willing to drop whatever they were doing to help."

The results of these efforts are tangible: About 120,000 books are on their way to Zimbabwe, and another 60,000 are en route to Ghana and Sierra Leone.

The benefits of these books to the children of Africa will be obvious. But this huge undertaking has also left its mark on the lives of people in the Washington area.

The project has helped lead to the baptism of at least one person: Sister Donaldson, the school official who helped arrange for the donation of used textbooks. She had been a longtime friend of the Campbell family, and had investigated the Church before, but was particularly touched by seeing so many Church members pitch in to help each other.

"It's great to be part of something tangible," said Campbell's son, Mark, who assisted his father in coordinating receipt and shipment of the books. "When you know that a little time and some sweat will cause something to happen that can help bring hope of a meaningful life, you don't mind a few aching muscles."

Dan and Alyssa Lloyd, also of the McLean Ward, spearheaded the stamping project. "It's been exciting for us to be involved in this kind of humanitarian effort."

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste," said Pierce Campbell in summing up his feelings about the books project. "We believe these books will be a window to the world for hundreds of thousands of children who will now have the tools to help with their education."

Processing the 180,000 textbooks

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November 18, 1988

Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director
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Dear Ben:

How good of you to come to Newark that miserable rainy day last week. I look upon it as a bright spot because it gave me a chance to once again break bread with you and to share your company.

I appreciated our conversation, and the guidance you gave as to how we might build bridges with those on your Board who continue to have such grave misunderstandings about our "Christology." As discussed, we are all poorly served by such misunderstandings. I have spoken with our key people in Salt Lake who have assured me that should an invitation come, to have dialogue through which light and understanding could flow, they will be there. Appropriate people will be happy to visit at the Executive meetings of your Organizing Board in mid-winter. Because schedules are so heavy for all of these brethren, if a date could be given to us fairly soon we would be sure to have our best representatives available to participate. I'll look forward to hearing from you soon.

Again, thank you so much for the time you spent with us. I am still distressed to know of your open-heart surgery and caution you to take precious care of yourself. I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with joy and loved ones. We're off to Cancun for a week of sun and scuba with our children and grandchildren. I will call you upon my return.

Would you also extend my greetings to Elaine Sutherland. She is wonderfully bright and capable and it was a pleasure to meet her. Do let us know if there is a way our office can help you here in Washington as you go about the enormous task of planning for your National Religious Broadcasters' Meetings.

My best,

Beverly Campbell
East Coast Director

P.S. I'm including some materials on our "Christology" which you may wish to have for your files.

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October 25, 1989

John W. Welch, Editor
The Encyclopedia of Mormonism
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Dear Jack:

Enclosed is the revised version of text re Eve for Macmillan Encyclopedia. It has been changed just a bit. I feel it reflects the spirit of our conversation and the messages which convey the truth as has been restored, clarifying Eve's role. I was interested to find that Joseph Smith's inspired translation of the Bible resulted in more changes in the dispensation of Adam (them) than of any other. Perhaps this fact should appear in some of the materials relating to same.

In the case of Eve, the obvious point which needed correction was the role of Satan in the Garden and the incorrect idea of Eve's acting under his beguilement. Moses 4:6 is not only pivotal, but absolutely essential to an accurate understanding and interpretation of both Eve's and Satan's roles. Nothing could be more plain than the correction made in this instance, "he sought also to beguile Eve, for he knew not the mind of God, wherefore he sought to destroy the world." Upon giving us this inspired correction, it is a fair conclusion that the Lord would expect us to use this information to correctly interpret Genesis and Genesis related matters in all our thinking and writing. The significance of this scriptural correction, however, seems to have escaped most (but not our prophets). Therefore, I have elaborated on it in paragraph 5.

You will note I have gone back to the word "understanding" (not respect) in paragraph 2. I prefer the word "understanding" in place of "respect" for two reasons: (1) for Adam to understand shows a maturity of comprehension and discernment needed to be Eve's partner; moreover understanding does not oppose respect. (2) Strictly speaking, Adam's response to the Lord's question, "Why will you call her Eve?" does not show respect; it reveals understanding.

Also, I feel that the paradox must be stated clearly (see paragraph 3). Most people do not understand Adam's and Eve's dilemma: these people hope and believe there was "another way". If this sentence is left out, people will continue to look for a way out for Adam, if not for Eve. The best reference for this is Packer's straightforward statement from the little book Our Father's Plan. We don't need to reference it, but if there is some question reviewers may wish to turn to it.

On page four, I have deleted the sentence following "husband presides only in righteousness" in the interest of space. Undoubtedly this material will be elaborated on in two or three other entries.

The length is still a little over, but I can't see how we can cut and still accurately convey our beliefs since so much of what is said is absolutely new information for most readers outside the Church, and significantly clarifying for those inside the Church.

Get back to me after you've had a chance to review this.

My best,

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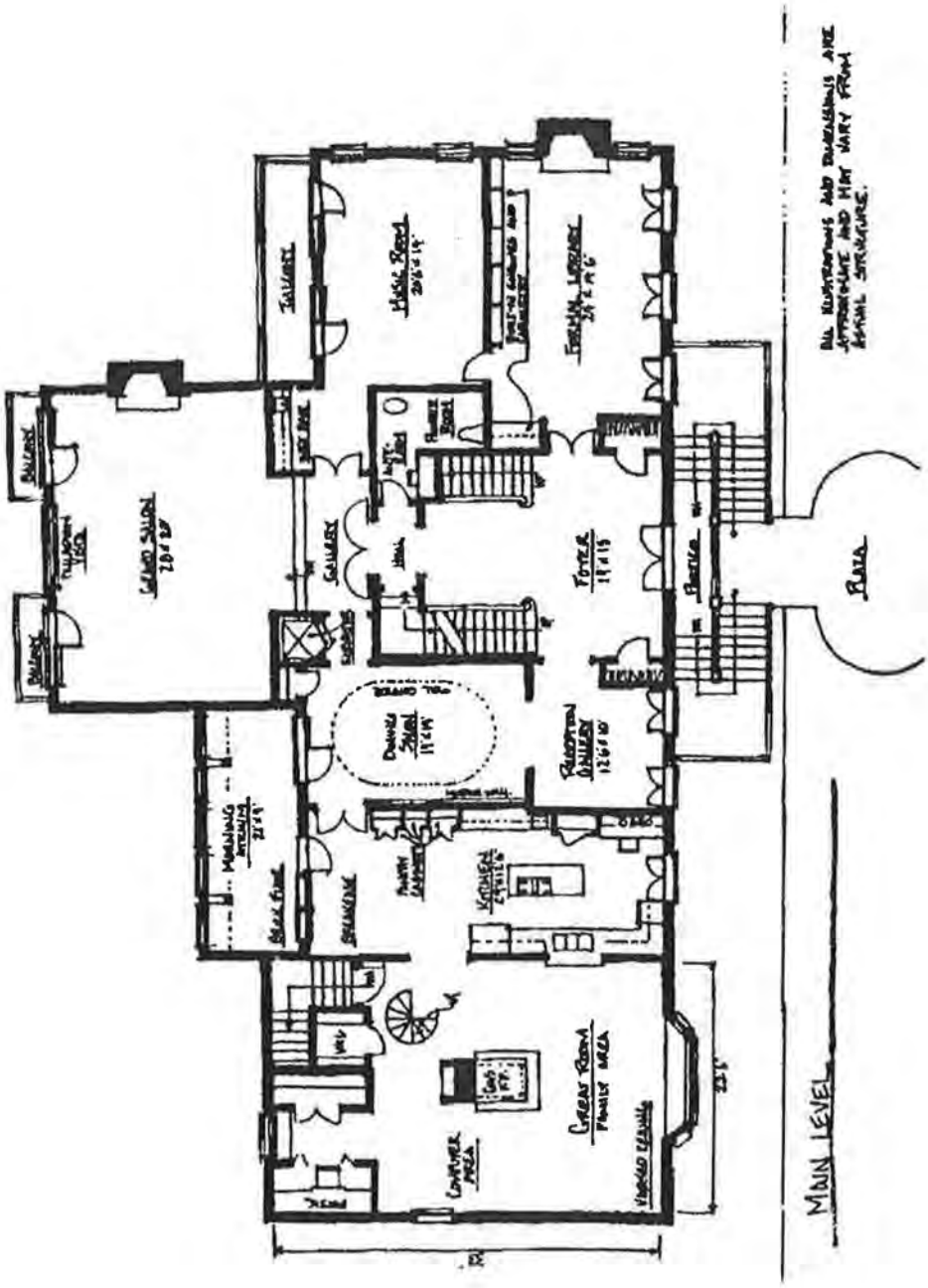

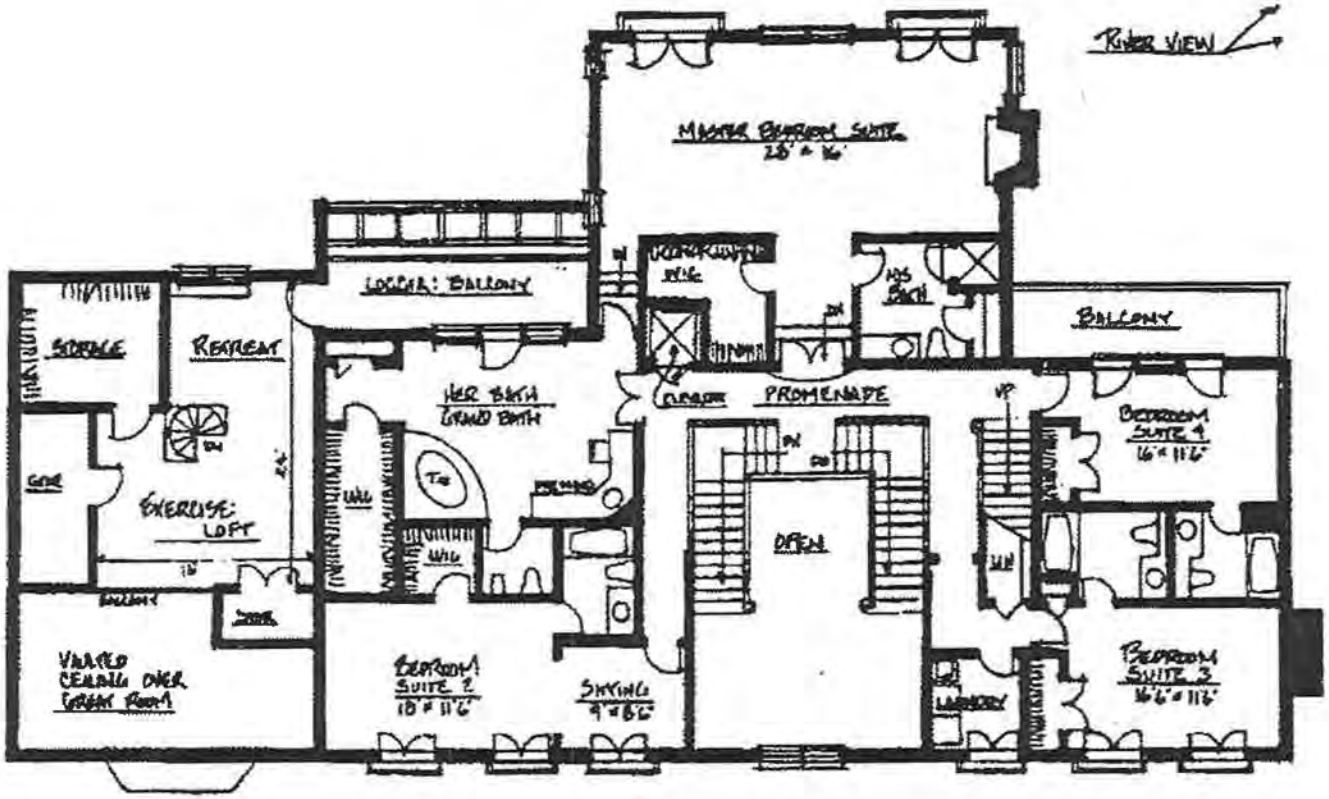

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The Council of the Twelve
47 East South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

February 1, 1990

Mrs. Beverly Campbell
Public Communications
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14th and F Streets NW
Washington, DC 20045

Dear Beverly:

As I received the facsimile from you on February 1 with the list of appointments made with leaders in Czechoslovakia, Romania, and Bulgaria, I realize that this is not only a historic document, but that the good work you and your colleagues have done in Washington, DC is of the greatest importance. I know your hours are long and your duties frustrating at times, but for you to be able to put together such a meaningful agenda of important contacts is of priceless value.

May you know personally of my great admiration and affection, and institutionally of our gratitude from the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve for the marvelous service that you and Pierce render. We are truly grateful.

Faithfully yours,

Russell M. Nelson

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Elder Russell M. Nelson

FROM: Beverly Campbell

DATE: February 1, 1990

RE: Appointments in Czechoslovakia, Romania, and Bulgaria

Following is the listing of commitments for appointments, people we've contacted, etc.

Prague, Czechoslovakia

1. Appointment February 6, 10:00 a.m.
   Dr. Josef Hromadka
   Deputy Prime Minister
   Federal Office Building

Washington, D.C. Contacts: Ambassador Miroslav Houstecky (now in-country)
Mr. Cernohlavek, (202) 363-6315
Embassy of Czechoslovakia

Bucharest, Romania

1. Appointment February 8 - Call on The Honorable Alan Green, Jr., Ambassador of the U.S. to Romania. He is working to establish appointments with Ion Iliescu and others. (David Farnsworth will establish time.)

2. Meetings afternoon of February 8 and morning of February 9:
   Minister of Religious Affairs (responsible for on-going Church-State relations)
   Minister of Justice (responsible for legal recognition of churches)
   Minister of Health (primary need: antibiotics which can be used in liquid suspension for small children.)

(David Farnsworth will set the times.)

Washington, D.C. Contact: Dr. Valise Leca (202) 232-4747
Charges d'Affaires
Embassy of Romania

In-Country Contact: Ambassador Alan Green, Jr.
Strada Tudor Arghezi 7-9
Telephone: (40) 0-104040

Sofia, Bulgaria

1. February 12 - Call on Ambassador Sol Polansky. (David Farnsworth will set the time.)

2. February 13, 10:00 a.m. (sharp)
Minister Lubomir Popov
Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(This appointment was set by Mr. Ivan Maximov, Counselor of the Bulgarian Embassy in Washington, D.C.)

3. If possible, you will pay respects and offer assistance to President Petar Mladanov or others of the new leaders of Bulgaria. (Ambassador Sol Polansky is working to establish this appointment.)

Washington, D.C. Contact: Counselor Ivan Maximov (202) 387-7969
Embassy of Bulgaria

In-Country Contact: Ambassador Sol Polansky
1 A. Stanboliski Boulevard
Telephone: (359) 2-884801 (through 05)

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you every mile.

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MEMORANDUM

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Date: June 26, 1990
To: The First Presidency and Council of the Twelve
From: Elder Russell M. Nelson
Subject: Report of Activities in Washington, DC, June 23-25, 1990

A. VISITS WITH DIPLOMATS

1. BELGIUM

His Excellency Herman Dehennin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belgium to the United States was visited at the Belgian Embassy. He is well acquainted with our missionary efforts in Belgium, and had a high regard for our members and their standards. He was surprised to learn that our missionary applications for visas are being delayed, and particularly that our newly called mission president, Richard Bruce Barrett, and his wife and family were having difficulty receiving their visas. He summoned his attaché, Gabrielle Stuyck, who quickly sprung into action. She requested the details of the names, dates, consulates processing the visas, and visa application numbers, with the pledge that they would clear up the difficulties at once and see that the visas are granted. Two to four months are normally required to obtain missionary visas. Our missionary department will be so informed.

2. BULGARIA

Ambassador Velichko Velichkov and his wife, Bassilka, were well informed about the Church and of my previous visit to Sofia in February 1990. Ambassador Velichkov was in Sofia in February and had encouraged the Deputy Prime Minister, Lubomir Popov, to meet with Elder Ringger and me, which he did. Mrs. Velichkov was particularly eager for more information about the Church and was anxious to attend some of our meetings and visit the visitors center adjacent to the temple.

3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Deputy Chief of Mission, Miloslav Chrobok, and his wife, Ivana, are newly assigned. He functions in lieu of Ambassadress Rita Klimova, who is seriously ill. Shortly after her arrival as the new Czechoslovakian Ambassador to the United States, she was hospitalized and is now undergoing treatment for some blood dyscrasia, the nature of which was not disclosed to me.

When the communists were in power in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Chrobok was removed from foreign service and employed in Prague as a transportation and building equipment manager. He was only re-established in foreign service in January 1990, when he was appointed as minister-counselor and deputy chief of mission. He was pleased to learn of our establishing a new mission in Czechoslovakia and graciously offered to lend his support whenever it might be needed.

4. POLAND

Deputy Chief of Mission, Ryszard Krystosik, and his wife, Terasa, were very well informed regarding activities of the Church in Poland and of the construction of our chapel that is now underway in the suburb of Wola. Mr. Krystosik carries the title of Counselor-Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Chief of Mission. The ambassador with whom we had previously worked, Jan Kinast, has been replaced by a new ambassador who has yet to arrive. Mr. Krystosik and his wife were very friendly, cordial, and anxious to be of whatever assistance they could, should we need their help. They were pleased to learn that a mission will be established in Warsaw on July 1, and very happy to learn that our mission president and his wife are accomplished musicians.

5. USSR

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Alexander Alexandrovich Bessmertnykh and his wife, Marina, honored us as we were the first to be given an appointment with them since he became the Ambassador from the USSR to the United States of America. He replaced Yuri Dubinin. Ambassador Bessmertnykh was very well informed regarding the humanitarian help the Church had given to the relief efforts in Armenia. He was pleased to learn that I had previously contacted Yuri Christoradonov, Chairman of the Council on Religious Affairs, and that we had applied for recognition in the cities of Tallinn and Leningrad. He knew of the plans for the Tabernacle Choir to sing in Moscow and Leningrad in June 1991.

Ambassador Bessmertnykh speaks English fluently and was very comfortable expressing himself in the language. His wife, Marina, is just learning the language. She is a younger lady and has been married to the Ambassador for only a matter of months. (The Ambassador's first wife relatively recently died of cancer.)

I told him I would keep him advised regarding our applications for recognition. Not only did he pledge support to us in any way, but he evidenced a very progressive attitude toward cooperation with American enterprise. He was very cordial and friendly.

6. YUGOSLAVIA

Ambassador Dzevsd Mujezinovic and his wife, Stajka, spoke English fluently and were pleased to hear of our congregations in their country. They were well acquainted with Kresimir Cosic and the story of his conversion to a "Christian religion" while he was a student in America. They were happy to learn that the Church Cosic had joined was the one which we likewise represented. They have a high regard for Brother Cosic and for the Church and its teachings. They pledged their support to us. The Ambassador asked to be informed when our congregation in the capital city of Beograd gains official recognition, and he offered to help in any way.

Sister Nelson and I were accompanied by J. Willard Marriott, Jr. and his wife, Donna, Sister Beverly Campbell and her husband, Pierce at visits with the Bulgarian, Czechoslovakian, Polish, Soviet, and Yugoslavian dignitaries. Former Ambassador Gregory Newell was also present, and accompanied us to the Belgian Embassy as well.

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Memorandum

TO: Wendell Smoot

FROM: Beverly Campbell

DATE: August 7, 1990

RE: Tabernacle Choir Tour, June 1991

As requested, I have reviewed the Media and VIP proposal advanced by Michael Otterson and Michael Obst for this historic tour. The overall plan is well thought through and carefully crafted. It should prove to be very useful.

Obviously, this tour offers unparalleled opportunities to showcase the Church. It also provides important avenues for developing significant high level relationships in government, cultural and religious circles. Such an opportunity will likely not be replicated in the next decade.

I have been asked to give primary thought to the most effective in-country and international VIP activities. In order to maximize and magnify our impact I suggest we look at the VIP activities surrounding the tour, not as an extension of the choir tour, but as a significant component of the Church's International planning, which will be advantaged by the choir's presence as the Church advances its own international agenda.

In that case, even more careful consideration should be given to tailoring the events in each country to address the Church's challenges and unique needs in that country. It would seem the objectives would be:

1. To acquaint key in-country government, civic, business, cultural, and religious leaders with the Church and its leadership.

2. To provide opportunity for media coverage, thus enhancing the general public knowledge of the Church.

3. To position the Church in countries where the Church is newly established or is seeking entry or official recognition as a mainline religion; a Church which numbers among its members those whose names or reputations might be known to these countries' leaders.

Suggested Format of VIP Receptions

In countries where there is significant Church membership and in-community interaction by local members and Area leaders, the receptions as outlined in the Otterson/Obst proposal should effectively accomplish the above objectives. If there is available talent among the Church membership, I would suggest that they be given the opportunity to plan and execute these events and that we merely act as advisors to be called upon as requested or as necessary. Such would seem to be the case in the following cities:

Frankfurt	June 10
Zurich	June 13
Vienna	June 17
Dresden	June 19
Berlin	June 20

Suggested Format of VIP Dinners

However, in the following capital cities, I suggest consideration be given to a slightly different and more elaborate approach. After considerable experience in Washington, D.C., with a variety of hosting formats for VIPs, we have found sit-down dinners are the best way of allowing important interaction to take place; interactions which generate a basis for long-term access and loyalty. Receptions simply do not do the job.

Budapest	June 15
Prague	June 18
Warsaw	June 22
Moscow	June 24
Leningrad	June 2

Because local church leadership is sparse, and in most cases new to the Church, and because the leadership of these countries know next to nothing about the Church, it is important that we present an image of substance, permanence and momentum.

How would this be accomplished?

We could add substance and importance to the local membership by inviting key Church members from around the world, who head businesses or other important organizations, known to the leaders of these countries, to act as hosts.

How would in-country VIP invitations to such an event be issued?

Efforts would be made to research each person to whom an invitation would be issued and to identify the best avenue for issuance. In most cases, it would be delivered through someone known to the recipient, i.e. a personal contact, an Ambassador, a business associate, etc. In some cases, a personal visit would be made by the Mission President or another in-country contact. In no case would the invitations be sent cold.

(We have, or could cultivate, contacts to make this happen. Although such an undertaking would require major effort by this office, it is worth the effort. Such contact, even if the recipients cannot come, would serve the Church well as it takes the initial steps in these countries.)

Why would major dignitaries come?

If this tour is billed as a "Celebration of the Spirit", or "Tribute to the People", leaders will wish to be identified with it. Although the choir is not that well known in these countries, it is known and the invitations should be issued in such a way as to capture attention, focusing on the choir's presence and the international nature of the Church.

Who would be invited?

The guest list might be as follows:

3 International Church leaders	3 Officials representing the State
2 Area Church leaders	3 Officials, local government
3 Local Church leaders (if possible)	3 Cultural leaders
	3 Religious leaders
3 Representatives from the choir	3 Business leaders
1 Mission President	3 Miscellaneous guests (friends in country, etc.)
6 Hosts	

34 couples total, or a dinner for 60 to 70 people (we would not want the dinners larger than this.)

Because of the high esteem, in-country visibility, and significant contacts which have been generated by Elder Russell M. Nelson, Council of the Twelve and Elder Hans Ringger, the Area President, it would be important if they were to be identified and recognized as participants in these events. It would also be important if they were to be in attendance and part of the official greeting party.

How would such an event be paid for?

The international hosts for each dinner (6 at each) would be invited to come, with their wives, at their own expense and each would sponsor and host a table of ten. (The figure for sponsorship of such a table would probably be $1,400.00) There would be no problem in finding such sponsors.

Who might these people be?

Following are people who could serve as the nucleus for a hosting event in each country. Those identified have the knowledge, title, business and ability to act in this capacity in the particular country named.

Although this lists only businessmen or dignitaries from the USA, it would seem that there are similarly situated Church members in Germany, Switzerland, England, Canada, Brazil, or other countries, who would wish to participate if asked. I would strongly suggest we try to identify at least eight such people so that there will be a minimum of two hosts at each dinner from outside the USA. (However, we should not be apologetic about a preponderance of Americans among the group. Rome is Rome and Salt Lake City is Salt Lake City.)

Specific Country Hosts

(These are only initial suggestions. Much work will need to done before host lists are finalized.)

Budapest

Hosts: Nolan Archibald, CEO, Black & Decker
Butch Cash, Executive V.P., Marriott Corporation
Tony Burns, CEO, Ryder Trucks
Stephan Udvar Hazy, CEO, ILFC (Native Hungarian)

International Affairs Representative: Clayton Foulger, Pres., Foulger Construction
Special Affairs Representative: Bruce Christensen, Pres., PBS

Prague

Hosts: Mark Willes, CEO, General Mills
Sid Foulger, CEO, Foulger Pratt
Ralph Hardy, CEO, First Media Corp.
Dick Wirthlin, CEO, The Wirthlin Group

International Affairs Representative: William Ingersoll, Attorney
Special Affairs Representative: Gregory Newell, Former Ambassador to Sweden

Warsaw

Hosts: Dick Marriott, Exec. VP, Marriott Corporation
Kay Whitmore, CEO Eastman Kodak
Tom Korologos or Milt Barlow
Jim Fletcher, former director NASA

International Affairs Representative: Beverly Campbell
Special Affairs Representative: Don Ladd

USSR

Hosts: Jon Huntsman, CEO, Huntsman Chemical
Bill Marriott, CEO, Marriott Corporation
Don Staheli, CEO Continental Grain
Howard Wall, President, Post-Newsweek Cable

International Affairs Representative: Admiral Paul Yost
Special Affairs Representative: Ralph Hardy

Timetable

Work on these dinners would have to commence immediately with host contacts and strategy in place no later than October 15th.

Where will these dinners be held?

Mr. Hazy knows Budapest intimately and could assist in obtaining the best possible site.

I will be in Prague the last few days of August and could have in-country friends help me identify an appropriate location.

In Warsaw, the Marriott Hotel is an obvious site.

The Dubinins could advise of and help obtain the best possible location in Moscow, a setting which would be suitable for their highest level dignitaries.

Media Activities (pre-tour)

In these four countries, little is known of the choir by the general populous. There are many competing events and dollars for tickets are very precious. For these reasons, I would suggest every effort be made to do pre-tour programming. It is well-known that these countries are all looking for additional television programming. If existing Christmas and Easter choir programs (with an intro to the program in the language of that country) could be placed early with these TV stations, they would likely receive extensive play during the entire holiday period. In this way, awareness of and identity with the choir will begin to develop, making everyone's job easier.

cc: Elder Russell M. Nelson
Mike Otterson

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Priesthood Leaders, North America Northeast Area

FROM: Beverly Campbell
Director, International Affairs/Public Affairs

DATE: September 19, 1990

RE: Changes in Washington, D. C. Office Assignments and Contact Persons

Because of the expansion of responsibilities as major international initiatives have been undertaken in the Nation's Capital and at the United Nations in New York, and the fruit which such initiatives have born, duties are changing and a new person is being added to our staff.

In the future, my major responsibilities will lie in the International arena, with a specific charge to initiate and cultivate international relationships and maintain contact with foreign governments in embassies and international agencies under the guidance of the Council of the Twelve, and to assist Area Presidencies as international problems arise. To this end, I will need your continuing help and wish to express appreciation for your response to requests as we have sought to identify members who have unique expertise or contacts in specific countries. We hope you will continue to provide such input. My Special Assistant for International Affairs is Colleen Hiatt, who will be pleased to help you should questions arise and I am not available.

I will continue to wear the hat of Public Affairs Director with responsibility for selected community and legislative issues and will handle other sensitive matters. Supervision of the Public Communications activities of this office and of the New York Office and handling of the international media in New York City still fall under my aegis. As in the past, I will act as one of the Church spokespersons to the mass communications media and will continue as Area PCD.

Myrna Wahlquist will be our Washington, D.C. Office Public Communications Specialist. Contact as relates to Regional Public Communications matters should be with her. She will handle the national and international media out of Washington, D. C. and will be available to assist with Regional Public Communications matters. She will also be responsible for Priesthood Spokesperson training as you might request, will oversee the Newsletter, Visitors' Center media-related activities, routine office matters, etc. She will represent the Area in selected community organizations, ecumenical groups and associations, or work with the Regional Representatives to identify appropriate people who might be asked to serve in these bodies.

As you can see, in this office our plate is very full. We are pleased to have the addition of this staff position and feel it will serve the Church well. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance to you. Thank you for all that you do for us.

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Eve

From The Encyclopedia of Mormonism

See this page in the original 1992 publication. (http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm4/document.php?CISOROOT=/EoM&CISOPTR=4391&CISOSHOW=3663&REC=1|)

Author: Campbell, Beverly

Eve, first woman of earthly creation, companion of Adam, and mother and matriarch of the human race, is honored by Latter-day Saints as one of the most important, righteous, and heroic of all the human family. Eve's supreme gift to mankind, the opportunity of life on this earth, resulted from her choice to become mortal.

Eve, Adam, Abraham, and others were among the noble and great ones involved with the creation of the earth (Abr. 3:22-24 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/abr/3/22-24#22) ; cf. McConkie, p. 59). God foreordained her and named her Eve, "the Mother of All Living"; in the Garden of Eden Adam called her Eve, reflecting that calling (Moses 4:26 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/4/26#26)). She was created spiritually and physically in the same manner as was Adam (*MD*, p. 242). God called *their* name Adam, and "in the image of his own body, male and female, created he them" (Moses 6:9 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/6/9#9)).

Eve and Adam faced a dilemma as they sought to obey God's commandments. They could not keep the primary commandment to have children as long as they remained nonmortals in the Garden (2 Ne. 2:22-23 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/2_ne/2/22-23#22)). The instruction not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, however, was uniquely modified with the words "nevertheless, thou mayest choose for thyself" (Moses 3:16-17 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/3/16-17#16)), and becoming mortal was expressly stated as the consequence.

Satan was present to tempt Adam and Eve, much as he would try to thwart others in their divine missions: "And he sought also to beguile Eve, for he knew not the mind of God, wherefore he sought to destroy the world" (Moses 4:6 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/4/6#6) ; cf. Matt. 4:3-11 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/matt/4/3-11#3) ; Moses 1:12-22 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/1/12-22#12) ; JS-H 1:15-16 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/js_h/1/15-16#15)). Eve faced the choice between selfish ease and unselfishly facing tribulation and death (Widtsoe, p. 193). As befit her calling, she realized that there was no other way and deliberately chose mortal life so as to further the purpose of God and bring children into the world.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints strongly affirms that in partaking of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Eve along with Adam acted in a manner pleasing to God and in accord with his ordained plan (see Fall of Adam). Brigham Young explained: "The Lord knew they would do this and he had designed that they should" (*JD* 10:103). "We should never blame Mother Eve, not the least" (*JD* 13:145). Adam and Eve "accepted a great challenge.... They chose wisely in accordance with the heavenly law of love for others" (Widtsoe, p. 194). Afterward, in one of the earliest recorded statements in scripture, Eve recounted the Plan of Salvation as she expounded on the joy prepared for

humankind in eternity: "Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient" (Moses 5:10-11 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/5/10-11#10)).

Loving parents in heaven prepared Eve and Adam for their roles in mortality. After the Fall, God gave Adam and Eve the law of sacrifice so that they could obtain forgiveness of sins committed in mortality (Moses 5:5 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/5/5#5)). He placed enmity (an abhorrence of evil) between Eve's seed and Satan and his followers (Moses 4:21 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/4/21#21)). God granted to Eve the powers of motherhood, disclosing the difficult labor of childbirth. The Hebrew word rendered "sorrow" (Gen. 3:16-17 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/gen/3/16-17#16)) does not connote "sadness," but "labor," or "sweat," or "pain."

Adam and Eve were husband and wife. While in the Garden, God sealed them in eternal marriage (Gen. 2:22-24 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/gen/2/22-24#22)). God instructed Eve, "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee" (Gen. 3:16 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/gen/3/16#16)). President Spencer W. Kimball explained that the Hebrew word translated as "rule" would better be understood as ""preside' because that's what he does" (*Ensign* [Mar. 1976]:72), and the husband presides only in righteousness (see Family: Teachings About the Family). Correlatively, God introduced Eve to Adam in terms that are rendered into English by the phrase "an help meet for him"; these words mean "to be strong, to help, rescue, or save" and "to meet, to correspond to, to be equal," thus indicating that Eve was to be a strong, saving partner in righteousness (Gen. 2:18 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/gen/2/18#18)).

The Lord himself made coats of skins and clothed Adam and Eve (Moses 4:27 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/4/27#27)). Eve bore unto Adam sons and daughters. She worked with Adam. They prayed to the Lord and heard his voice (Moses 5:4-5 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/5/4-5#4)). They made "all things known" to their children and taught them to read, write, and to keep records of family remembrance (Moses 5:12 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/5/12#12) ;6:5-6 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/moses/6/5-6#5)).

Eve is a "joint-participant with Adam in all his ministry, [and] will inherit jointly with him all the blessings appertaining to his high state of exaltation" (*MD*, p. 242). President Joseph F. Smith saw her in vision in 1918: among the great and mighty ones in the celestial congregation of the righteous, he beheld "our glorious Mother Eve, with many of her faithful daughters who had lived through the ages and worshipped the true and living God" (D&C 138:39 (http://scriptures.lds.org/en/dc/138/39#39)).

The fall of Eve and Adam is profoundly significant: they opened the way of mortality for all humankind, and they subjected themselves to death in order to make continued progression toward eternal life possible. Mother Eve bestowed upon her daughters and sons a heritage of honor, for she acted with wisdom, love, and unselfish sacrifice.

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7 Sept. 1990

Dear Pierce & Beverly,

Rich & I appreciated our time with you, because of your zest for life. How refreshing! Thank you for bringing all those nice items to make life a little easier.

After our walking tour with you and the Houstickies & then the governor and his group immediately after, we feel like Prague is part of us – or we are part of it. It was so good for us as we discovered needed resources

We had a follow-up visit to the theater and found the director to be warm and personable. The hall had already been reserved for the choir. He would appreciate further communications with you regarding the menu for the dinner.

Do hope the remainder of your trip is relaxing. Warm regards, Barbara

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REPORT

TO: Elder James E. Faust, Special Affairs
Elder Russell M. Nelson, International Affairs

FROM: Beverly Campbell

DATE: January 3, 1991

RE: Dinner for Chinese Ambassador with Elder Maxwell, Elder Oaks

At the request of Elder Oaks and Elder Maxwell, I contacted Ambassador Zhu and issued an invitation to this dinner suggesting three possible dates. He selected the date of December 28th and Elder Oaks and Elder Maxwell interrupted their Christmas holidays to fly to Washington for the dinner.

In addition to the original objectives of the dinner, there were issues which had come up in the interim which I'm sure that Elder Maxwell and Elder Oaks will discuss with you in your Special Affairs meeting, this adding to the importance of the event.

The early part of the evening was organized in such a way as to allow opportunities for Ambassador Zhu and his wife, Madame Wang, to spend time with each guest. Those attending were selected with an eye to diversity and strength. In each case we felt sure they were someone the Ambassador would wish to meet. Through them we hoped to strengthen the identity of the Church in the Ambassador's eyes and also in the eyes of leaders in China to whom he would report. The guest list was as follows:

- Dr. and Mrs. Roger Porter: Assistant to the President for Econmic and Domestic Policy
- Dr. and Mrs. Richard Wirthlin: Chairman, The Wirthlin Group
- Mr. and Mrs. Don Staheli: President and COO of Continental Grain Co.
- Dr. and Mrs. James Mason: Asst. Secretary for Health and Human Services
- Dr. and Mrs. James Fletcher: in place of Senator Reid, who could not come at the last minute)

Two tables were set to allow a more personal interaction. Elder Maxwell and Elder Oaks served as hosts. Midway through the dinner, we had the Ambassador and Madame Wang change tables so that everyone had a chance to meet and mix with them. By the time the dinner was over many toasts had been exchanged (using sparkling cider) and there was a great sense of warmth and comradery. The Ambassador asked if he could offer a toast at the beginning of the meal and he also offered a mid-way toast. He was feeling relaxed and friendly and opened himself in a way that is very unusual for the Chinese. He said that when he came he had not known what to expect as he had been told by his staff that we did not drink alcohol, we did not smoke, we did not drink coffee, and we did not drink tea. He felt uncertain as to what he was getting himself into. Now he felt right at home and recognized the strength of the people gathered together.

After the dinner, we arranged for the Ambassador, Elder Maxwell and Elder Oaks to retire to the library where they were able to have 20 minutes of good and frank discussion. The other guests retired to the salon where we had a group of local Church members present a musical interlude.

Possible Visit to Utah

There was discussion as to the interest the Ambassador and Madame Wang would have in a visit to Utah. The Ambassador expressed to me that the previous Ambassador had visited 41 states while he was in the U.S. and it was his hope to at least "best" him by one. He indicated that he definitely would be interested in coming to Utah and would particularly would be interested in speaking at BYU. Madame Wang was editor of one of the most popular magazines in China before her posting to this country and indicated that she would become editor again when she returns to China. I suggested that she would be interested in seeing our school of Journalism and possibly speaking to the students and telling them a little about journalism in China. She was delighted with this idea. Elder Maxwell and Elder Oaks participated in similar dialogue. If it seems appropriate, I would suggest that invitations be considered and issued in a timely fashion. Obviously, there are political sensitivities and this will require some careful thought. Perhaps the invitation will be best coming from Brigham Young University rather than the Church itself, however, full hosting should be done by the Church.

It is my suggestion that if the invitation is issued and comes from the BYU Kennedy Center, that the Ambassador have a much larger audience than that which is generally gathered at the Kennedy Institute itself. In the past we have had 100 - 200 people in attendance at these talks by these outstanding ambassadors. This is not appropriate to their status. Certainly, he would require a much larger forum.

I will work with Elder Maxwell and Elder Oaks in this regard.

Summary

Elder Maxwell, Elder Oaks, and those assembled felt the evening was an unqualified success and that much of importance had been accomplished.

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March 25, 1991

Donald L. Staheli
327 Frogtown Road
New Canaan, CT 06840

Dear Don:

How pleased I am that you and Afton are going to be able to join with us in the international hosting activities and dinners, to be held in conjunction with the Tabernacle Choir tour of next June. Your presence will provide unusual opportunities for dialogue with a variety of constituency beneficial to the Church. As you know, the purpose of these dinners is to utilize opportunities afforded by this choir tour to develop significant high level relationships in government, cultural and religious circles. Such opportunities will likely not be replicated within the next decade. Following are specifics as relate to these dinners and your participation therein.

Place and Date

We are pleased that you have agreed to be table hosts in Budapest on June 15th. Final negotiations are underway as to in-country dinner location and time. As time draws nearer, we will provide you with full details of all activities.

What Will Be Required of Sponsoring Hosts?

The basic task at hand will be the sponsorship and hosting of a table of ten at the dinner. Those guests at your table will be your guests throughout the entire evening. We will have a briefing session and brunch at 11:00 a.m. the morning of the dinner. At that time you will be given a full list with background information re those people you will be hosting. At that time we will also advise should there be anything unique or unusual as regards to guests, participation, security, etc.

Additional Activities

We would like to ask you to be available to participate in two or three other activities should your schedules allow and should these activities materialize.

> Media Appearances: If requested, might we make you available to the media, either for the evening program the night before, mid-afternoon show the day of, or the following morning or afternoon?

Receptions or Firesides: Would you be willing to meet with a small group of members at a special reception or fireside the night before the dinners should the Area Presidency wish to take advantage of this opportunity?

Discussions at Various Levels: We may find it helpful to the host country and to the Church if certain of our group were made available to new in-country leaders or businessmen for private discussions or a seminar meeting. Could you be a part of such an exchange?

These ideas are in the formative stages. Before we advance them further, however, we would like to see how many of our hosts would be willing to participate accordingly. (There is an attached response sheet for your convenience.)

Travel and Hotel Arrangements

You will make travel and hotel arrangements independently, however, I have asked Eliza Hepfinger of Alta Travel Service to coordinate arrangements should there be those who would wish her to do so. We work with Eliza here in Washington. She is an excellent agent and also a member of the Church. Eliza is willing to be sure that all the details with regard to this. We will select a hotel immediately and try to block a few rooms as we understand June is almost a sell-out in those countries we are visiting. If you wish to stay with the group, please advise *as soon as possible*. If you would like her to make your travel arrangements, she will do so. If you are going to go to concerts or dinners in other cities before or after your host city, she will be aware of the details and will be able to route you accordingly. Her address and telephone number are:

Mrs. Eliza Hepfinger
Alta Travel Service
12616 Terrymill Drive
Herndon, Virginia 22070
(703) 444-6922

Sponsoring Checks

We have received your check for $1,500, made to *Corporation of the President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, and it has been forwarded to an account specifically designated for these dinners.

Tour Schedule & Sponsors

Enclosed is another copy of the choir tour schedule for your information, a book about the choir, and a schedule of those sponsoring hosts who will be attending the five dinners. Church leaders from the International and Area Church will be in attendance as well as some local members.

Issuance of Invitations to In County Dignitaries

The invitation will read as follows (in the language of the country, of course):

Ezra Taft Benson, President
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
and
Russell M. Nelson
Council of the Twelve Apostles

request the pleasure of your company
at a dinner
and
concert
as the 320-voice Mormon Tabernacle Choir
honors the People of (Country)

(Day of week), June (date)
Nineteen hundred ninety-one
(City, Country)

Dinner: (time)
(Location)

RSVP card enclosed

Concert: (time)
(Location)

Inside the invitation we will list the dinner hosts for all five dinners as Lay Leaders - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For identification purposes, we are also including your professional title and the organization to which you belong.

Once again, I cannot thank you enough for your willingness to respond to this invitation. This will be an historic event as well as a wonderful time of sharing. Most importantly, your presence will provide a significant statement of how the Church functions with lay leadership and the role it plays in the lives of its members; even its most significant, influential and busy members.

Please don't hesitate to call or write if you have additional questions at this time. If I am not available, Colleen Hiatt is my assistant and will be happy to answer any questions that you might have. Obviously, much is still in the formative stages and there is an enormous amount of work to do from our end, but we will keep you apprised of all significant developments.

If you have ideas or suggestions for maximizing these dinners and your participation therein, please call me. Also, if there are those in country dignitaries you feel should be added to the guest list, or with whom you have unique access, please advise. We may ask you to assist in issuing the invitation.

My best,

Beverly Campbell
Director

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Love to you both.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Elder Russell M. Nelson

FROM: Beverly Campbell

DATE: April 16, 1991

RE: Summary Report -- International Dinners

Plans are well in place for the five cities where you will host VIP dinners directed to advancing the Church's international agenda.

Although "save the date" letters have only recently gone out, which indicates that official invitations will be sent later, it is gratifying to note that some very key officials have responded, indicating their acceptance.

Budapest, Saturday, June 15

Pre-reception: 6:30 - 7:00 Szekely Bertalan Opera #2 Room
Concert: 7:00 p.m. Opera House
Dinner: 9:30 p.m. Hunter Hall, Parliament House

Hunter Hall is a magnificently restored Hall in Parliament House, used only for State functions. The Parliament Building is certainly one of the most magnificent in all Europe.

Sponsors for this evening are the President of Parliament, Dr. Gyorgy Szabad, and Congressman and Mrs. Tom Lantos. Dinner hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Udvar-Hazy. Table hosts for that evening are: Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Cash, Dr. and Mrs. James C. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Richards, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Staheli.

Those accepting invitations to date are:

Gyorgy Szabad, Speaker of Parliament, Honorary "Patron" of Dinner
Bertalan Andrasfalvy, Minister of Culture
Dr. Gabor Demszky, Mayor of Budapest
Erdet Peter, Director, Hungarian Radio Choir
Dr. Kozma Tamas & Dr. Csicsely Eva, Director, Hungarian Institute of Educational Research
Miklos Szinetar, President, Cine Art Film, Ltd.
Dr. Czigany Gyorgy, Director of Music, Hungarian Television
Ambassador Charles Thomas, U.S. Ambassador to Hungary

We will be approximately 84 at dinner.

Prague, Tuesday, June 18th

Pre concert reception: 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hall
Concert: 7:30 p.m. Smetana Hall
Dinner: 9:30 p.m. Gregor Hall (directly across from concert hall)

Mayor Hall is the hall where the Mayor of Prague greets his guests and Gregor Hall is filled with murals telling of the history of this country. Although the building is very old, there is a great deal of charm about it.

The dinner hosts for this evening are Mr. and Mrs. W. Don Ladd. Table hosts will include Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foulger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Hardy, Jr., Ambassador and Mrs. Gregory J. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. Dieter Uchtdorf and Mr. and Mrs. Johann Wondra.

In country acceptances to date:

Jan Carnogursky, Deputy Prime Minister (Slovak)
Jaroslav Koran, Lord Mayor of Prague
Tomas Jezek, Minister, National Property and Privitization
Vlasta Stepova, Czech Minister of Trade & Tourism
Theodor Petrik, Minister of Communications
Antonin Prochaska, President, Committee for Religious & Humanitarian Questions
Jiri Kanturek, Director, Czechoslovak Television
U.S. Ambassador Shirley Temple Black

There will be approximately 86 guests for dinner.

Warsaw, Saturday, June 22nd

Chapel Dedication: 3:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Marriott Hotel, Congress Hall
Concert: 8:00 p.m. Teatr Wielki

This Marriott Hotel is one of their most beautiful. We are advised that citizens of Poland are excited about the possibility of attending an event in the hotel.

Dinner hosts for this evening will be Mr and Mrs. J. Willard Marriott, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Layne Cannon. Table hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Foulger, President and Mrs. Rex E. Lee, and Ambassador and Mrs. Gregory J. Newell.

In country acceptances to date:

Jaroslaw Kaczynski, Head of the President's Office
Stanislaw Wyganowski, Mayor of Warsaw
Artur Mieczyrzecki, President, Polish Pen Club
Bishop Zdzislaw Tranda, Polish Ecumenical Council
Nuncjatura Apostolska (Religion)
Andrzej Straczynski, Artistic Director, National Theater
Andrzej Szczypiorski, Writer
U.S. Ambassador Thomas Simons

We will be 84 for dinner.

Moscow, Monday, June 24th

Pre-concert reception: 6:30 p.m.
Concert: 7:00 p.m. Bolshoi Theater
Dinner: 9:30 p.m. Metropol Hotel Main Dining Room

The historic Metropol Hotel has been fully and magnificently restored. It is directly across the street from the Bolshoi. The dining room is the one which was featured in the film, Dr. Zhivago. The ceiling is stained glass and the ambience delightful. There will be approximately 120 guests.

The dinner hosts for this evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Jon M. Huntsman. Table hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Nolan D. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Layne Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling D. Colton, Dr. and Mrs. Marcus G. Faust, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Hardy, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. Don Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Marriott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Wall, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Whiting.

Because of the change in concert venue, letters are just being sent this week. One letter went out before we were aware of the problem, through the Tass news agency here in the Press Building, to the General Director of Tass in Moscow. He has already advise his Washington office that he is planning to attend and wants to receive his "official invitation" soonest.

Brother Huntsman will be bringing several distinguished guests with him from both the U.S. and Yerovan.

Leningrad, Thursday, June 27th

Host Reception: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. State Hermitage
Pre-concert reception: 7:00 p.m., Philharmonic Hall, Blue Room
Concert: 7:30 p.m. Philharmonic Hall
Dinner: 10:00 p.m. Astoria Hotel, Winter Garden Room

The Astoria Hotel has been faithfully restored to its previous glory and because these are the "White Nights" in Leningrad, we are advised that people would be excited to have a dinner at 10:00 in the Winter Garden room, where the ceiling is glass. This room, not yet open, will be readied especially for us.

Also, I met with the Director of the Hermitage in Leningrad and the Church VIP's and hosts have been invited to a special reception and mini-tour of the Hermitage between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 that day.

The dinner hosts for this evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ashton. Table hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Layne W. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling D. Colton, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Faust, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Foulger, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Wall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Whiting, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark H. Willes.

We have not been able to reach our contacts in Leningrad to receive a report on their responses.

I will keep you informed as details are finalized. Please call with any questions.

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Beverly Campbell

March 6, 1991

His Excellency
Botsweletse Kingsley Sebele
Ambassador of Botswana
3400 International Drive, Suite 7M
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

How generous you were with your time and your assistance, as you met and talked with Elder James E. Faust, his son Marcus, and myself in your office a few weeks ago. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to come to know you and your First Secretary, Mrs. Majinda, better as we journeyed to our Visitors Center and had lunch.

At that time, we talked of the fact that our church had presented its papers to your government requesting official recognition of the church, that our members might worship freely and in full accord with the laws of your country. We have heard nothing further from these government officials. Perhaps you would be willing to use your good offices to address a letter to your Minister of Religion in this regard.

You may be interested to know that the government of Kenya has just granted the church official recognition, and that full rights and recognition for the church have been restored in Ghana. Also, we have been advised that Uganda is finalizing recognition papers at this time.

I am attaching a document which briefly outlines the basic tenets of our church, should it be useful to refer to our beliefs in any letter you might write. Additionally, I am enclosing a recently developed 16 minute video which outlines some of the activities of the church in Africa. Perhaps you would want to review it and send it along if you feel it might help answer some questions those in authority in country might have. (I could send you a copy in PAL format for in country use.)

Again, thank you for your generous assistance. I look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Sebele on Saturday evening.

Sincerely,

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TO: Elder Neal A. Maxwell, Elder M. Russell Ballard
Public Affairs Committee

FROM: Beverly Campbell

RE: Report on Non Choir-Related Aspects of China trip
Beverly Campbell accompanied by A. Pierce Campbell
November 11-25

DATE: December 31, 1992

PURPOSE OF VISIT

As you are aware, some time ago, at the request of Elders Maxwell and Oaks, we began working with the Chinese Ambassador regarding a visit in China by Elder Maxwell or other key church leaders. The Ambassador suggested that this was not a good time for that visit. As our discussions evolved, it seemed more appropriate for Pierce and me to visit and establish mid-level relationship that could serve as resource contacts later on.

Our visit to China had three objectives:

1. To establish with in-country contacts the possibility of a later visit to China by Elder Maxwell and/or other designated church leaders.

2. To quietly attempt to identify if, how, and under what restrictions church members might begin meeting in China.

3. To explore the possibility of a visit by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to China at some future date. (See attached Choir report of December 18, 1992, for background.)

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

As you are aware, Chinese society bases its relationships on trust and friendship. Much time is spent in developing an understanding of who one is dealing with. Because there is no legal system, their sense of appropriateness of an individual and levels of trust are key to accessibility. Such trust evolves over an extended period of contact as dialogue takes place

and mutual understanding grows.

We were hosted by Ambassador Zhu Qizhen, China's Ambassador to the United States (D.C.), within twelve hours of the his arrival in China at a very private and delightful dinner. The Ambassador had personally called Li Xiaolin (who had headed the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign countries at their Washington Embassy and was now in Beijing in a very significant position) and asked her to make all of the arrangements. Our key contact in Washington is Wang Hongboa. Her husband is Xu Shangwei, a high level Foreign Affairs Officer, who as First Secretary for Foreign Affairs has great influence, joined others at the dinner.

This generous act of hospitality by the Ambassador was known in each of the places we visited in China. It obviously served as a mark of endorsement and approval which assured a positive reception wherever we went.

While in Beijing we were also hosted by Xu Qun, the Vice President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (The Foreign Affairs Office), at a dinner attended by key members of the Association. As our conversation developed, we found that Mr. Xu Qun had been at the Visitors Center in Washington DC on at least three Christmas Eves and he had very warm feelings towards the Church.

At this time, he will be key to our negotiations in all points relating to the church. He is the person responsible for the work done under the auspices of Ambassador Hun, President of the CPAFFC Organization, without whose endorsement our work cannot go forward.

REVIEW OF ACTIONS RELATING TO OBJECTIVES

1. VISITS TO CHINA BY CHURCH LEADERS

Initial reception to conversation regarding visits by church leaders were met with some resistance. However, through the variety of contacts which evolved and with the support of the Ambassador, a change took place. Near the end of our trip, we were advised that conversations had been held with Beijing, that Elder Maxwell and others would be welcomed and received at the highest levels. This reception was based on our assurances that we would attempt only to open doors, and develop relationships, that we would not push for declarative statements.

We were given a clear understanding by the variety of people we met in Beijing that it would not be possible for Beijing to do anymore at this time with regard to statements on religious freedom or our recognition as an official church. It was also made amply clear that the Provinces are being given more autonomy and that we should consider Deng Xiaoping's model, i.e., he travels to the South of China to make his speeches on political reform. The

reforms begin there and eventually find their way to Beijing. It seemed we were being advised to do likewise. (As you are aware, there is more freedoms in the South of China. They are actively into a market economy; they have many more resources; by and large the people have a much more comfortable lifestyle; and they also have a history of contacts with Christians.)

2. *HOW, AND UNDER WHAT RESTRICTIONS CHURCH MEMBERS MIGHT BEGIN MEETING IN CHINA*

As we spoke with the Vice Chairs or Chairman of the CPAFFC in three of the Provinces we presented them a hypothetical situation, i.e., if there are three couples who wish to get together on Sunday mornings in their own homes to study doctrine, sing hymns and pray, would there be any problem with this. In each case we were advised that they could see no problem with this: "China does have and does honor religious freedom."

Obviously, such meetings, if held, would place members in something of an ambiguous situation. Self-identification could open doors for some type of punitive action.

There are two questions worthy of consideration in this regard:

a) If we make no attempt to meet and take no action which would in some way require tacit and informal accommodation on the part of the Chinese officials, will they, on their own, feel a need to accommodate us?

b) Will they identify us as a separate, and distinct faith group requiring individual recognition further down the road if we have no visibility now?

The decision that must be weighed, obviously, is will action or inaction, in the long run, serve the members and the Kingdom best.

REVIEW OF PROVINCES

(We visited the cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, Guiten, and Guangzhou)

Shanghai

In Shanghai, we were hosted by Kitty Xai, Chief of the American-European Division, and Executive Council member of the People's Association. Kitty is obviously a power-broker in Shanghai. She knows the US well, has visited Salt Lake and has been to the Tabernacle. She served as a principle in preparing for the visits of Nixon and Carter to China. She arranged for the visit of Billy Graham and would be happy to arrange similar activities for Elder Maxwell. I advised that we would not likely hold such large general meetings, that we would probably want to quietly talk and

hold such large general meetings, that we would probably want to quietly talk and meet with the people in Shanghai who make the decision with regard to religious activities.

Miss Xai assured that if Elder Maxwell were to come to Shanghai, she would see that he was properly hosted and would try to arrange appointments with all those he desired to or needed to meet.

The attitude in Shanghai seemed to be that if you don't make waves, we won't; that the members could meet in their own homes without any problems.

Xian

We were hosted at a luncheon by Bai An Ping, Deputy Director of CPAFFC. Mr. Bai is an outstanding, warm young man of about 32 with a six-year old daughter and a wife who is an English teacher. Mr. Bai had a very positive experience at BYU Hawaii in 1989. He quietly told me that he had taken the missionary discussions and said that since his return he has thought a great deal about what he learned. He missed his relationships and associations very much.

I spoke with him about the possibility of a member of the Area Presidency or Elder Maxwell coming to Xian to visit. He advised me that if we would contact him personally he would do all that was possible to see that the Church leaders had access to highest level officials in the Province and also that they might have appropriate meetings with members as desired.

Guan Dong Province (Guangzhou)

Mr. Zhuo Yi, Director of the Office for Foreign Affairs and new president of the Commercial Enterprise Undertaking, hosted us at a dinner attended by Mr. Lu Jian, Deputy Secretary General of the Province Association who had met us at the plane on our arrival and also had breakfast with us and saw us off on our departure. They both expressed an interest in meeting with key church leaders and doing all that was possible to be supportive of that which we wished to do.

As we spoke of our people meeting, we were advised that if we wished to have a meeting with all of the members when a church leader came, certainly permission for that would be given. As we discussed whether individuals could meet in their homes, again they said yes. When we discussed under what rules, of course, we were presented with basic ideas of the "Three Self Plan." This plan, as you are aware, means that the churches in China are self-governing, self-financed, and self-led. However, my sense is that, particularly in Guan Dong Province, members could meet with a relative measure of safety.

Guilin

We did not discuss religious matters in any detail in Guilin as it did not feel right. As an Autonomous Region, they are quite free, however, in some ways seemed a bit corrupted. Contacts are in place should we wish to pursue further.

OBSERVATIONS

•It would seem that the problems that our members will have in the south of China, should they meet, will be primarily within the neighborhood policing units. If the groups meeting are small, this probably could be handled. The climate would not be right for any of our members to try to meet together as large groups just now except for special occasions and then I would recommend caution.

•I would suggest that no consideration be given to meetings of members in Beijing at this time.

•We should be very careful if our members meet that we do not use American Embassy personnel or facilities for the meetings. Previous meetings in the Embassies or being led by Embassy personnel were well-known throughout China. Suspicions have been aroused, i.e. are the Chinese members being used, brainwashed, is there some ulterior motive, is there a connection between the church and the American government.

3. *POSSIBILITY OF A CHOIR VISIT TO CHINA*

As elaborated in a previous memo, the doors are opened for positive negotiation with regard to the Choir visit. Assurances have been made that if we pursue this matter timely with Ambassador Hun Zhu as outlined in that memo, an invitation would be issued to the choir.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1) That Elder Maxwell and/or other Church leaders visit Beijing, Shanghai, and possibly Guangzhou to become known to key leaders, to develop relationships and to begin to establish the Church as a known entity.

2) That on such a visit we advise appropriate officials, as we meet with them, that we accept their assurances of religious freedom; that in this spirit, our members will begin meeting in small, informal groups.

3) That we do not press the government for official recognition at this time.

4) That it would be helpful if the Area Presidency could begin to develop various levels of friendship with officials in China. Such relationships should allow key people in China to feel a comfortable allegiance to these leaders. This would help assure that when the climate is right for further action Chinese officials at a variety of levels will have enough knowledge and awareness of these individuals to vouch for them as church leaders.

5) That during these visits we initiate a process of education as related to the tenets of the church and that we begin advancing our request for a change from their current listing of the church as a "cult" to legitimate status of recognized religions.

6) If there is a desire for the Choir to go to China in the near future, that the appropriate authorized individuals begin those contacts immediately. If we do not wish to go, we should also advise accordingly.

7) That Elder Maxwell's trip, should he take it in April, be very carefully "advanced" to be sure that the proper appointments are established with the proper people; that a desired climate exists, and that they should have a feeling of his importance. (Chinese society has its own understanding of how important people are "advanced" which I will be happy to discuss further if requested.)

Addendum:

(Report, "Agent For Change", World Monitor, January 1993 - Shen Tong)

This report bears reading by China watchers. The marked responses on pages 32 and 33 parallel Pierce and my impressions.

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Dear Beverly:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 24, 1992, and the copy of *History of the Mormons in the Greater Washington Area*, which you enclosed.

I am happy to know of the book's origin and authors and look forward to an early opportunity to study it carefully.

My compliments to you on the tremendous work you do in behalf of the Church, Beverly; you are a wonderful representative. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless you in your important responsibilities.

Most sincerely,

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Date: January 8, 1993

To:

From: Beverly Campbell

Re: Women and the Church

Summary of needs:

Since our discussion relating to the question "What do the righteous women of the Church want and need, and how can these objectives be implemented better by the programs of the Church?", I have sought input from a variety of faithful women of disparate ages and circumstances. I have also drawn from my years of speaking to and with women throughout the Church.

From this dialogue one could construct a significant laundry list of needs. After careful reflection, I felt these needs fell into three broad categories. These three categories will not come as a surprise to you. The structure of programs to meet those needs are already in place or could be instituted in ways that would benefit not only the sisters but also the entire body of the Church.

In broad, general terms, the righteous women of the Church are asking that they:

1. Be given a voice and positive visibility.
2. Be valued and have their roles and responsibilities within the Church appropriately validated.
3. Be seen as valiant servants with substantive and serious contributions to make to the Kingdom.

Our faithful sisters are looking for ways to articulate their lives appropriately both inside and outside the Church. They often feel that in the Church their needs are glossed over, their input negated, their strengths ignored. They feel they need to have clearer avenues of input at all levels and in all bodies of the Church. They do not aspire to the priesthood, but rather seek to sustain and support the priesthood in a more clearly articulated and more carefully balanced partnership.

Status of Women:

In expressing these needs, I found our good women to be neither vain nor shallow. They were not seeking the praise or reward of man. Rather, they seemed to be searching for the fullest and most Christlike ways they and their service could be utilized, for they have a strong sense of mission and wish that mission to be honorable and substantive.

I find the majority of women in the Church to be faithful and committed. They exhibit a grand

spirituality and an abiding love for the Savior and His gospel. However, they are challenged by the demands of our society. They live in a world that places low value on the priceless trust they accepted from their Father in Heaven: the bearing and nurturing of children. Our young people are being educated and our young adults are launching their fledgling careers as citizens and as parents in a culture which strives for a single, worldly standard of achievement for men and women alike. There are so many struggling to raise families alone, so many who must work outside the home in order to keep life together. It is a difficult time for women and families, but perhaps no more difficult, only different, than other periods of history.

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Course Correction:

Therefore as we look to a course correction and more careful articulation of womens responsibilities within the church, there is no need to over correct. A stronger, more vital, and steadier voice from a united Relief Society presidency and general board could provide a logical starting place.

It is important that this voice be focused on the direction and the council of the Brethren to us without excuse, apology or equivocation. Our women in leadership positions should identify these messages, and parallel that counsel with reinforcing language which ties it to the challenges today's women face.

Sorely missing from our existing women's dialogue is positive input regarding the Priesthood and those who exercise it in our behalf. Words of support coming from the Relief Society offices seem to be couched in tacit apology. It is as though it is not quite "moving with the times" to unabashedly acknowledge the power of the priesthood, to express unqualified support for the righteous men who exercise it, or for the blessing it brings to our lives. Powerful and unambiguous womens voices must be heard on this subject.

It is a sad truth that many of our women have never been given the vision of how the Priesthood relates to themselves and to others. They have never been properly taught as to what it means to "sustain" the Priesthood and those who hold it. It seems that most women need to have a clearer (more specific, less generic) picture of the essential support we have pledged to the Priesthood and how to extend that support; wherein and how to lay claim to partnership in that great power.

I sense that when these issues are properly articulated many needs will be met and many of the "wants" will dissipate of their own accord; that there will be oneness and a thirst to receive and respond to Priesthood counsel.

Primary consideration should be given to programs and avenues of expression which steep women in the basic truths of the gospel. For a time it seems these sure and steady truths have been dissipated as our women leaders have valiantly struggled to bring into the fold the disparate and dissident few

who are so vocally looking for secular and trendy answers.

With this preamble, let me suggest specific programs, changes, additions or accommodation which might be considered. (The refinement of such programs or actions, should they be adopted, rightly rests with the leadership of the responsible organization so I will not attempt to fine tune them; although it would be a most interesting challenge.)

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I. WOMEN WISH TO BE GIVEN A VOICE AND POSITIVE VISIBILITY

ROLE MODELS AND MENTORS

Women need role models of their own gender; they benefit from seeing appropriate behavior modelled just as do boys and men. We have been instructed [1 Nephi 23-24] to liken all scriptures unto us. Likewise, we profit from a public example of women living the gospel successfully in today's world.

The majority of women I spoke with, particularly our young adults and young matrons, felt they did not have sufficient role models within the Church after whom to pattern their lives. They expressed concern and a great sense of personal loss that there are so few women in our church who are visible or who are given a voice or recognition.

Some of this loss has occurred as changes have been made in the Relief Society structure, as general boards have been scaled down, and as policies have been enacted which do not often allow sisters from around the country to travel and address stake women's conferences.
Few would question that a void has been created. Nature abhors a vacuum, and these voids tend to be filled. This particular one, unfortunately, has often been filled by articulate but dissident or distressed women who do not hesitate to make themselves available and to speak up, something faithful LDS women are reticent to do. Our women see and hear these voices at Sunstone conferences and even at BYU Women's Forums. Our sisters often mistake them as appropriate role models and are confused by the mixed messages they are hearing, a subtle but damaging confluence of the world's ideas mingled with the gospel.

As to the restructuring of the Relief Society and its incorporation into the correlation program, I feel as does a friend who recently wrote, "restructuring of the Relief Society has placed it in a faith-testing period from which it will yet emerge under priesthood leadership to fill a role more crucial than any during its pioneering period." Hopefully, that time of emergence is near.

Certainly, there is a need, under the auspices of the Relief Society, to provide opportunities to vigorously combat the negative influences so prevalent in today's society, and even to be found in certain factions within the Church. Our women need to have help in articulating their own feelings

and expressing their concern for that which is moral and spiritual in terms which are understood and respected by those who live by a secular standard. This is one of the more difficult things to do.

Perhaps this is a good time to question the lack of adequate mentors for women's leadership roles, especially at the general Church level. Has anyone thought through the exceptionally dissimilar processes a male priesthood leader and a woman Church leader undergo as they are trained and tested for high office in the Church? The natural results of these two differing processes are seen in the bedrock stability and strength of the Council of the Twelve and the teetering balance of the current Relief Society general presidency and board. These differences are not attributable to gender, but to training and selection methods.

The *July 1982* back cover of the *Ensign* consisted entirely of this statement by Elder Packer: "When we approach and wrestle with a problem, Elder LeGrand Richards has seen some version of it three or four times before. It will have been enacted on a different stage and the actors have been changed, but the script is the same as far as the problem is concerned. When you have been through it in 1918, 1937, and 1969, you just aren't afraid of it. You have both perspective and perception to see what is right and the absolute courage to do what is right." The entire Quorum reflects this strength to one degree or another. In contrast, the Relief Society presidency and board must essentially reinvent itself with each successive administration. It provides leadership without the benefit of the wisdom, the seasoning, and the perspective acquired by priesthood leaders with decades of experience in general Church callings.

SUGGESTED SPECIFIC ACTION

Consideration might be given to three programs under Relief Society auspices which might be entitled, FORUM OF FAITH. These forums could begin almost immediately. In each format a more dynamic role for faithful women could be defined as sure and steady truths garnered from divine and correct sources are advanced.

A.FORUMS OF FAITH: Meeting or Conferences

Our women desire and need to meet together in larger and more diverse groups (as evidenced by their attendance at BYU and other conferences;). It would be in such groups that courageous and articulate women could serve as role models. They could use this Forum to address the half-truths and faulty premises which so often are presented to our sisters in the guise of progression and enlightenment. Life patterns could be discussed, spirituality enhanced, personal growth explored and Priesthood defined, as correct principles are taught in a positive climate.

B. *FORUMS OF FAITH: Special ENSIGN Section*

Such a forum would offer faithful women an opportunity to contribute articles, short stories, art, poetry, etc., which would address in positive ways issues unique to women. Here they could also learn to identify and prepare to defend themselves against the current and trendy. They could be alerted to those influences within the feminist revolution which negatively affect women. They could be armed to vigorously defend themselves, their roles and their faith.

C. FORUMS OF FAITH: Individual Worldwide Voices

Speaking as a prophet and using prophetic words, President Kimball saw the day when women would join the Church in large numbers because our faithful sisters were seen as articulate Female Exemplars. Part of a special program thrust could be training to this end, coupled with the *firm assurance that individual voices can and appropriately should be effectively heard in any* nation and under any circumstance; that sharing the fruits of the gospel in happy ways are part of a woman's individual and foreordained mission.

D. WOMEN'S MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES:

This is so core to the structure of the church that I will not try to make other than the most cursory suggestion, i.e., the wisdom, experience and institutional memory of Relief Society and other women's presidencies could prove a valuable asset to currently constituted presidencies and boards. We would all be benefitted if a way were found to involve them in ad hoc or advisory capacities.

II. WOMEN WISH TO BE VALUED AND HAVE THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES VALIDATED

Certainly, your first response to this might be, "They are valued, we tell them this all the time. What more do they want"? Let me explain.

Ours is a church administered by the Priesthood. Faithful women honor that Priesthood. Therefore, their service is validated or diminished based on the actions and response of presiding Priesthood authorities at whatever level they are called to service.

There can be no question but that our gallant Brethren are searching to provide such validation. *However, it is as though they are speaking a different language. Often that which is articulated* appears, to one or the other, as inappropriate, invalid, self-serving, or just seems to miss the mark. In the vernacular of today, "they just don't get it."

A recent example with which we're all familiar is Elder Monson's "boot" story at the October Women's Conference. His intentions, I believe, were to show that he understood our problems, but that perhaps we should focus on the larger picture and overlook petty frustrations. "Don't sweat the small stuff" was the message I heard. An amazing number of women heard quite a different message and were quite offended with the level of insensitivity the man in the story was expressing for his wife. Did President Monson mean this level of insensitivity was all right? Of course not! In this case each

side felt the other "just didn't get it."

That men and women are speaking a different language is basically true. The same word, action or inference can mean quite different things to men and to women.

Satan's greatest hope is to drive a wedge between man and woman. If he can make men and women see one another - not as empowering partners - but as individuals of unequal worth, or as competitors seeking gifts the other has, he can wrest us asunder. In this way he can distort the concept of Deity, of spiritual powers, of the Priesthood and thereby distort our response to each other. The world will be his battlefield strewn with the souls of the strong and steady if our action and attitudes make either sex feel diminished in stature; unneeded or unheeded.

SUGGESTED SPECIFIC ACTION

A.FIFTH SUNDAY PRIESTHOOD AND RELIEF SOCIETY JOINT MEETINGS:

Men and women need to learn together. They need to find some way to understand the blessings and challenges they share jointly[1] and to also understand their equally important, uniquely different roles within the church. Such learning can only be marginally effective unless it is shared. Perhaps on the months where there is a fifth Sunday the Relief Society and Priesthood could meet jointly. A course of study designed with insight from both men and women could include a sensitive look at our joint responsibilities, and at our individual gifts. In addition to basic materials, this course could perhaps look at the unique organization of men and women's brains and seek to articulate the difference in the way in which men and women communicate. *Such lessons would need to be tied into the gospel plan and the way* our interactions impact relationships in the home, at church and in leadership bodies and positions.

B.WHERE POSSIBLE, DECISION-MAKING BODIES IN THE CHURCH SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE, NOT EXCLUSIVE.

The expressed desire and deeply felt need was that women's perspective, insight, and understanding was essential as joint church responsibilities were defined, programs developed, or designs and solutions for problems sought. Certainly, a women, or women, should sit on all possible

[1] Neal A. Maxwell, "Women of Faith," BYU Women's Conference, March 29, 1985, We share in a single system of salvation. We strive to walk the same straight and narrow path. We read the same scripture. We frequent the same holy Temples of God, participating in its holy ordinances. We partake of the same sacrament and share spiritual gifts. We are called and released to serve in the Kingdom of God by the same divine authority. We depend on the same Atonement for immortality, and upon obeying the same commandments for eternal life,. We are to cultivate the same celestial attributes and to develop the same righteous reflexes.

(the operative word being *possible*) decision-making bodies at every possible level within the Church. Where it is not possible, principles should be articulated showing that such exclusion finds its basis in doctrine.

As an example, let's look at missionary work. Earlier reference was made to President Kimball's great prophecy articulated in the September 1979 Women's General Broadcast about the role women will play in much of the major growth that will occur in the Church.[2] In President Gordon B. Hinckley's superb address at the September 1985 Women's General Broadcast, he enunciated "Ten Rights and Responsibilities of Women in the Church," including preaching, the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel.

Is there anything—at all—in the committee structure of the Church which reflects an attempt to implement this prophecy, to extend to women this right and responsibility. Yes, every member is a missionary, and yes, women do serve faithfully as stake and full-time missionaries. But is there any mechanism in the planning work which seeks input from women? What about the missionary committees of the Church? Wouldn't this insight and input be important?

C.EVE'S ROLE IN THE CREATION AND FALL NEEDS TO BE SET STRAIGHT

Because their experiences have been different than women's, men may not realize the overwhelming net impact of the corrupted Biblical tradition of the Fall, which has left as its legacy for Western civilization an undercurrent whispering that there is something not quite all right about being a woman. Even in the Church, through which the central doctrines of the Creation, the Fall, and the Atonement have been restored, many members remain confused. The majority of men I have talked with in the Church, including many responsible priesthood leaders, feel that Eve sinned in the garden: she acted in a manner not pleasing to her Father in Heaven. The best they can say for her is that she acted thoughtlessly. Many of these men insist that there *was*, in fact, another way. Others see Eve's role as an unfortunate but necessary evil, like the role of Judas in the betrayal of Christ.

Correction of this story needs to take place in all texts and in all narratives, for it is basic to who we are as women and how we act as men and women together. This account is at the core of our most sacred liturgy and is repeated each time faithful members attend a temple session. Until this story is set straight by the proper authorities, men will be uneasy about women's input, will discount their decision-making ability, and will underrate their position in the Church and in society. Significantly, women themselves question their own worth and value.

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[2] "Much of the major growth that is coming to the Church in the last days will come because many of the good women of the world (in whom there is often such an inner sense of spirituality) will be drawn to the Church in large numbers. This will happen to the degree that the women of the Church reflect righteousness and articulateness in their lives and to the degree that they are seen as distinct and different—in happy ways—from the women of the world," Spencer W. Kimball, My Beloved Sisters, p. 44.

In our sacred temples, Eve is placed before women as a mentor, a model, a standard. We should not underestimate the influence a clear and unequivocal presentation would have on both women and men as they come to understand that we have inherited from Mother Eve a heritage not of shame but of honor.[3] This is a key to respect for women and to the hope that an equitable balance can be affected between men and women.

D.MOTHERHOOD AND THOSE WOMEN WHO VALUE IT AND SACRIFICE FOR IT MUST BE ELEVATED IN THE CHURCH, IN THE EYES OF OUR YOUNG WOMEN, AND IN SOCIETY.

Again, I can hear you say, "You think we're not worried about this? That we don't try to present this issue in its most positive perspective?" I know that you do and many of us feel the depth of your concern. As Seers you have expressed often and eloquently that the ability to conceive and bear children is as surely a partnership with God as is the Priesthood and is of equal value.

At this time and in this climate, it will probably need to be respected and articulate women who join with you, and in some cases, lead this dialogue. Too often men's motives for addressing this issue are misunderstood. Society has convinced many that this emphasis on motherhood is an excuse advanced by male leadership to keep women in their place, away from outside careers, and to keep them from asking for the Priesthood. This message of valued motherhood is so key that it must find appropriate voice.

E.WOMEN'S STEWARDSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES NEED TO BE VALIDATED IN LOCAL AND STAKE COUNCILS.

I have been presented with heart-rending stories of women's programs which have been summarily canceled after a full year of work even though all had received approval and gone through proper channels; examples of insensitivity as women's suggestions were put down; women's work completed and then usurped by the Brethren who preside. Work and stewardship, respect for position, effective valuation and utilization of auxiliary officers all need to be more considered. *(I know how hard the Brethren work, and how heavy is their load, but there* is a real need for more awareness, sensitivity and recognition of contributions.)

Recently many studies have been published which illuminate the differences between leadership styles of successful women and successful men executives. Women tend to preside and govern more by consensus than do men. They are often more aware of the ideas and abilities of staff than are men, and tend to use personnel more effectively. This difference often causes men to grab the reins, and use their position to drive forward and the women to be frustrated by ineffective (and what seems to them inconsistent) use of personal resources. Women and men in subordinate roles react differently as well. Women often submit more quietly to

[3] cf. "Eve," Macmillan Encyclopedia of Mormonism, Volume 2, pages 475-476.

ineffective or overbearing leadership than do men.

When men and women work together in the Church, men must be careful not to perpetrate poor leadership styles. Their administration often seems to be, or actually is, the exercise of unrighteous dominion. Because faithful women try very hard to support and sustain their *priesthood leaders and co-workers, a burden rests on men who hold the priesthood* to remember the principles taught in the fourth section of the Doctrine & Covenants. Those who preside at the stake and ward levels should remember to grant to each member, including each sister, the authority as well as the responsibility for a calling or an assignment and to extend credit and recognition as appropriate.

III.WOMEN WISH TO BE SEEN AS VALIANT SERVANTS WITH SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE TO THE KINGDOM

President Kimball's 1979 counsel that women become serious students of the scriptures strengthened their resolve and reinforced their innate affinity for this work.[4] Their courses of study should be extensive and serious. Their themes should reflect their purpose.

Women should be called on more to teach, to speak on substantive gospel subjects in sacrament meetings, etc. If advised that theirs is a spiritual theme, women often tackle a speaking assignment with more thorough preparation than men. This is an asset and is characteristic of their typical approach to church work.

There should be a broad expectation throughout the Church that women are to proclaim the doctrines of the Restoration when they speak. So often, when a married couple is invited to speak, the woman feels she is expected to make introductory remarks about the couple's personal lives and the man is expected to preach a sermon. (I would suggest one of the most visible places women could set an example of effective preaching would be in talks to women in their conferences and other forums.)

Articles by women should also be reflective of serious scriptural or doctrinal truths. An excellent example is the article "Thus Said the Lord" which appears in the January 1993 issue of the *Ensign* and which was written by Mary Ellen Edmunds. I was recently asked to address a lightweight issue in the

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[4]Spencer W. Kimball, My Beloved Sisters, pp. 37-38, September 1979 Women's General Broadcast, "I stress again the deep need each woman has to study the scriptures. We want our homes to be blessed with sister scriptorians [sic]-whether you are single or married young or old, widowed or living in a family. Regardless of your particular circumstances, as you become more and more familiar with the truths of the scriptures, you will be more and more effective in keeping the second great commandment, to love your neighbor as yourself. Become scholars of the scriptures-not to put others down, but to lift them up."

"I Have A Question" column of that same publication. While happy to respond, I would have preferred a more substantive subject where I could have been of greater help to struggling sisters.

EPILOGUE

Well, there you have it. I hope these ideas prove to be of some help. If there are areas you would like to discuss further or you would like to see developed in greater depth and illuminated more carefully, please advise.

We are grateful for your stewardship over the Relief Society and your love and respect for the women of the Church. This is a wonderful era for women, with the blessings of the Restored Gospel bringing us all to an understanding of our true heritage as heirs of Mother Eve and daughters of God.

As the Angel Moroni quoted to Joseph Smith from the prophet Joel, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." [Joel 2:28-29]

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REFLECTIONS ON THE ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT HOWARD W. HUNTER

"To the Women of The Church," September, 1992

In recent years there has been a searching among many of the good women of the Church as they have sought to articulate their lives properly, both inside and outside the Church. Faithful and committed women are searching for the fullest and most Christ-like ways their service can be utilized, for they have a strong sense of mission and wish that mission to be honorable and substantive. This search has often been couched in terms of sought identity; where am I needed in the Church? Is there a clarion call? How do men and women fit together in this grand work? Similar questions were often asked of me as I spoke to women around the Church. Mine, also, was a search for a correct response.

That response came to me with startling clarity on a glorious day that I shall never forget. Some days are like that. They are palpable as each action and thought is etched into one's memory; the day you discovered you were in love, the day you knew for sure that God existed, your wedding day, the day a child was born.

This particular day was filled with promise and possibilities. As I looked out my bedroom window, the sun reflected off the waters of the Potomac River. It was my birthday. My husband brought a breakfast tray along with one red rose and a note saying, "The day is yours. We will do everything you wish - or nothing." (One of life's grand luxuries - an entire day to one's own choosing.) Also on the tray was a fax sent by a dear friend in response to a query. It was President Howard W. Hunter's talk entitled "To The Women of the Church." I had heard him deliver it at the October Women's Conference of 1992 and had been touched. I had not at that time recognized its greatness.

Now, as I read President Hunter's words, I was mesmerized. Here was the answer. In absolutely clear and unambiguous terms, he invites us to come and stand together. "*It seems to me that there is a great need to rally the women of the Church to stand with and for the Brethren in stemming the tide of evil that surrounds us and in moving forward the work of our Savior . . . Obedient to him we are a majority. But only together can we accomplish the work He has given us to do and be prepared when we shall see Him.*"

In words of exquisite humility, this prophet of the Lord shares with us the breadth and scope of the apostolic mission. "*As a special witness of our Savior, we have been given the awesome assignment to administer the affairs of His Church and kingdom and to minister to His daughters and His sons wherever they are on the face of the earth. By reason of our call to testify, govern, and minister, it is required of us that despite age, infirmity, exhaustion, and feelings of inadequacy, we do the work he has given us to do, to the last breath of our lives.*"

Then, in loving outreach, he reminds us that we as women are needed, not just to labor in the vineyard, but in very human terms, "*As our Lord and Savior needed the women of His time for a comforting hand, a listening ear, a believing heart, a kind look, an encouraging word, loyalty - even in his hour of humiliation, agony, and death - so we, His servants all across the Church need you, the women of the Church.*"

My heart burst with gratitude, love, and thanksgiving. I now knew how I wanted to use that day. I wanted to find words to respond to this gentle apostolic plea. I wished to grasp that hand which had been extended. I wanted President Hunter and all the Brethren to know that <u>we</u> would stand, <u>that women have always stood</u>. With tear-filled eyes, I penned the following - neither prose nor poetry - nonetheless, it expressed a response I share with you in the hopes that you too will come follow the Savior, and those Brethren who have been set apart to carry our his work in this the final dispensation.

Beverly Campbell

COME STAND WITH US - COME FOLLOW ME

A hand reaches out.
A voice is heard.
A prophet's invitation/plea;
"Come stand with us."
Type and shadow of another voice;
"Come follow me."

Woman answers: "I will stand with you!"

"Woman has always stood,"
Echoes from corridors of time.

I am woman in the Garden - Mother of all living who "couragously partook" that man might be.
I am woman at the stable - Who gently acquiesced that a God-child might be.
Will I stand? Without question I will stand!

I am woman at the well - first to whom Jesus revealed himself as Messiah, anxious to alert others of identity divine.
I am woman/friend of Jesus - in whose home of faith the dead was raised, where disciples were taught - saving truths sublime.
Will I stand? Could I do other than stand?

I am woman with the alabaster box - anointing the Savior unto his burial; lone in recognition that crucifixion is near.
I am woman at the tomb - asked to deliver the glorious message that a risen Christ did appear.
Will I stand? Indeed, I will stand.

First at the cradle
Last at the cross
Woman has always stood!

As woman, I will press forward with steadfastness in Christ.
As woman, I will reflect a perfect brightness of hope.

*That is **why** I will stand.*

As woman, I will minister, using my powerful influence for good.
As woman, I will combat evil whenever and wherever I find it.

*That is **how** I will stand.*

As woman, I will speak out with certain voice to strengthen all within the hearing,
knowing that discordant voices sow messages of confusion and separation.
As woman, I will support and sustain those who righteously exercise the holy
Priesthood of God, knowing that only together can we accomplish the work.

*That is **where** I will stand.*

As a *woman-disciple* I will utilize my intellect and energy to strengthen my family
and then the families of our society.

As a *daughter-disciple* I will see selflessness, sacrifice and compassion as traits of the
Savior; I will focus on righteousness, service, and wholeness.

As a *sister disciple,* I will stand with and I will stand for His beloved Prophets and
Apostles, and with His servants all across the Church, just as did my sisters stand
with the Savior, even in the hour of his humiliation, agony, and death.

Out of my strength I will offer-
a comforting hand
a listening ear
a believing heart
an encouraging word
an unstinting loyalty
a partnership of trust

Will women stand?
To the last breath.
We will stand!

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May 1, 1995

His Excellency Li Daoyu
The Ambassador of China
2100 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

RE: Request for Education Initiatives

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Upon reviewing the education initiatives as established in our February meetings in Beijing, I felt there was a need for clarification and separation of the two major proposals.

The first initiative arose at our meeting in Beijing with Vice-Premier Li Lanqing. He proposed that the Church could send several qualified service couples who could assist with the establishment of a junior college system for vocational training. He pointed out that the need was great as it not possible for all of the young people in China to go to the University. This project will be **under the auspice of the Vice-Premier's office.** This is the primary reason for the May trip of Dr. Henry B. Eyring, Commission of Church Education and Dr. Douglas Smoot, Assistant Commissioner of Church Education. At the initial meeting with Vice Premier Li, he requested of President Qi, CPA, that he handle any details of such a follow-up trip.

The second initiative stems from a request of Vice-Director Zhang Xiaowen of the State Education Commission. Minister Zhang indicated that there were thirty-four Universities in the State University system. He hoped that the Church might be able to provide service couples qualified as professors, particularly with regards to the English language program. This voluntary university service will be coordinated through Brigham Young University and Mr. Chen Yue of the State Education Commission.

I have therefore requested that Li Xiaolin and the CPA handle the initiatives with regard to appointments with the Vice-Premier's designees and the Education Office of the embassy to handle appointments related to the volunteer service of professors through the State Education Commission.

I will send copies of this letter to all those above who are active in this process. Please advise if there is additional action which should be taken at this time. Thank you again for your attention to this matter and valued wise counsel. I look forward to seeing you soon.

My best,

Beverly Campbell
Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Elder Neal A. Maxwell / Public Affairs Committee

FROM: Beverly Campbell

DATE: February 28, 1996

RE: Report on Dinner Honoring Chinese Ambassador Li Daoyu

Thank you and Elder Ballard for being with us last evening at the dinner Pierce and I hosted honoring the Ambassador of China, Li Daoyu. Your presence honored our home and brought a special note of importance to the event. Following is a report for your files.

Purpose of Dinner: Ambassador Li had expressed a desire to come to know "our Senators" at a more personal level. The dinner for this purpose was scheduled to coincide with your visit to Washington DC.

Guests were:

- Ambassador Li Daoyu
- Dr. Shao Wenguang, Special Assistant to the Ambassador
- Elder and Sister Maxwell
- Elder Ballard
- Senator and Mrs. Hatch
- Senator and Mrs. Bennett
- Senator and Mrs. Reid
- Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Marriott
- Pierce and Beverly Campbell

The Ambassador's wife, Madame Ye Zhaolie, is still recovering from pneumonia and was unable to attend. The Ambassador chose to bring Dr. Shao Wenguang, his special assistant and Congressional liaison, in her place.

Summary of Dinner: The atmosphere of the dinner was intimate and productive. The tenor of the conversation was warm and friendly. The Ambassador commented at our table that, "I believe the Mormons and China won't have any trouble," and said more specifically later on that the Embassy was committed to getting the "Mormon Chorus" (Mormon Tabernacle Choir) into China. All of the toasts given were toward continuing friendship and dialogue.

After the dinner, special musical numbers were performed by Joyce Bennett on the flute and by Kay Bradford on piano. Guests lingered long after the program concluded to continue in fruitful dialogue. The desire to deepen the Church's relationship with the PRC was expressed by all.

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REPORT

TO: Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin
FROM: Beverly Campbell
DATE: March 25, 1996
RE: Chinese Ambassador's Trip to Utah

OVERVIEW:

By all accounts, Ambassador Li's historic visit to Utah and Idaho on March 20-23, 1996 was a tremendous success. It was a remarkable honor that the Chinese Ambassador would be willing to spend four days at this time of crisis in Taiwan outside of Washington. The Ambassador reports that he was very pleased with the meetings and full itinerary set up for him in Utah and it is clear that much good was accomplished for the future of our work with China.

EVENTS:

Luncheon with the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve: The delegation was certainly aware of and appreciated the high honor that was paid to them by the magnitude of this luncheon. They were impressed by President Hinckley and all of the Brethren, and said so to me outside of the meeting. When I heard them speaking in Chinese to each other, they remarked to me that they were fascinated that the leadership of our Church is set up much like their own Politburo, with three men at the top and a council of twelve underneath them.

Church Hosting: The Smoots, Church Security, and all of those involved in hosting the Ambassador's delegation did a marvelous job. The arrangements were put together very smoothly and the Ambassador felt secure as he traveled around. The delegation enjoyed touring Temple Square, the Family History Library, Welfare Square and the Sort Center, and viewing *Legacy*.

Chinese Community Dinner: This highly-publicized dinner with the Chinese Community went well. There appeared to be around 70 enthusiastic guests at the dinner and heavy press coverage. It was good for the Church and the Chinese Community of Salt Lake City to come together around this dinner. The organizer of the event, Eric Chien, also the owner of a local Chinese newspaper, will be a good contact in the future.

Brigham Young University: When I asked the delegation to comment on their favorite part of the trip, they mentioned the experience at BYU. They were truly impressed with BYU's faculty and staff, and remarked how much they enjoyed the performance by Lamanite Generation. The Ambassador's speech to a select group of about sixty professors was direct and doctrinaire, but ever searching for common ground and ways that we could work together. The Ambassador said that China would never try to export their ideology the way other nations had. He pointed out nine areas of common endeavor or common ground that exist between China and the United States:

1) Our commitment to world peace.
2) Our desire to ensure that the United Nations is a truly viable, legitimate force in international politics.
3) Our coordinated efforts on the Cambodian crisis. He pointed out that China made the decision to sever relations with the Khmer Rouge solely based on the United States' request that China do so.
4) Our mutual commitment to Asia-Pacific Security and desire for a positive resolution to the Korean nuclear crisis.
5) Our interests in the regional economy through APEC.
6) Our desire to prevent widespread nuclear proliferation.
7) Our interest in working together as complementary economies.
8) Our mutually beneficial trade relationship. The Ambassador pointed out that China is the US's fifth largest trading partner, behind Mexico, Canada, Great Britain, and Japan.
9) Our shared cultural and educational interests.

I have asked for a copy of the Ambassador's speech and will send one on for your files.

Dinner in Park City: The Ambassador was very pleased that you and Elder Nelson took the time to join him again for this informal dinner at the Marriotts. He enjoyed Nancy Marriott, and the ambience of the dinner left him in a favorable mood for the Tabernacle Choir rehearsal later.

Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal: This unscheduled part of the Ambassador's itinerary certainly may have been the most fruitful of the trip. After rushing from Park City to catch the last fifteen minutes of the rehearsal, it was wonderful to be able to meet with Choir President Wendell Smoot and to give the Ambassador the time to address a few words to the choir. The Ambassador commented that the Mormon Tabernacle Choir CD's he owns are all in China with his son now, but that they are the only CD's he listens to when he is home in China. (We will be sure to get him some more CD's to keep with him in Washington!) After thinking for a moment, the Ambassador then remarked to the Choir, "I hope that soon we'll not have to listen to you only on CD." (Meaning that the Choir might be in China in person.)

Centennial: Governor Leavitt and numerous business leaders came together to host the Ambassador's delegation on Friday, when they also toured the Utah State Capitol building and the Evans and Sutherland Corporation. The Ambassador felt good about these business contacts.

Idaho: At his request, we arranged for the Ambassador and his delegation to be taken to Idaho by private plane. We asked Idaho State Senator Grant Ipsen and the Idaho Department of Commerce to be their hosts. Brother Ipsen did a great job of steering plans in through state channels. The group took a brief tour of businesses in Boise and was greeted by State Controller J.D. Williams on behalf of the Governor, who was traveling out of state. The Ambassador was hosted at a luncheon with prominent Idaho business leaders, where he delivered an address and took time for a Q&A Session, most of which focused around trade issues. The Ambassador noted that trade between China and Idaho has grown from $2.3 million in 1992 to $22.3 million in 1995. A number of the individuals the Ambassador interacted with during the visit were members of the Church, of which he took note. The Ambassador spoke to them about his visit to Utah, saying that he had met with the First Presidency and "all of the Twelve," and spoke of his time in Utah in glowing terms. The visit in Idaho was very warm, relaxed, and cordial.

All in all, everything could not have gone better for Ambassador Li's trip to Utah. After negotiating our respective roles with the Utah Statehood Centennial Commission, all parties involved in the visit came together and cooperated marvelously.

SPECIAL NOTE:

A prominent Chinese doctor here in the Washington DC area, a member of our local Chinese Branch, recently approached me to tell me of a speech that Vice Premier Li Lanqing recently delivered in the provinces. In the speech, Vice Premier Li referenced the Mormon Church in positive terms, referring to the Church's good example and strong moral values.

AFTERTHOUGHTS:

Perhaps now is the time to consider the donation of humanitarian aid to China in the wake of their recent earthquake in Xinjiang Province that has left over 10,000 homeless. Chinese leaders in Beijing as well as Ambassador Li would certainly appreciate any overtures we could make toward this end. I await your response on this matter.

CC: Elder Neal A. Maxwell
Elder Russell M. Nelson
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Stan and Mary Ellen Smoot

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MEMORANDUM

To: Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
cc: Elder Neal A. Maxwell/Public Affairs Committee

From: Beverly Campbell

Subject: Report on Dinner for Kenyan Ambassador, Dr. Benjamin Kipkorir
Wednesday, May 15
Home of A. Pierce and Beverly Campbell

Date: May 17, 1996

Summary

The dinner hosted in our home in honor of the Ambassador of Kenya was most successful. It was organized to thank the Ambassador for his assistance with visa and other problems in country. We were able to articulate a number of agendas. Additionally, the Ambassadors were able to come to know Members of Congress. Ambassador Kipkorir spoke in his toast of his new appreciation for us and the opportunity to "rub shoulders with Congressional members" as he literally, like a mischievous boy, rubbed shoulders with his seat mate, Senator Hatch.

Also attending the dinner were the Ambassadors of Cameroon and Ghana, Senators Hatch and Bennett, Congressmen McKeon and Orton, along with members of our International Advisory Board (list page 3).

Each Ambassador brought his beautiful and intelligent wife. This was a very positive event for the African Ambassadors. We made great strides with these African countries which are key on the African continent.

Comments

Your gracious letter to the Ambassador was read by Senator Hatch. All were touched. As I paid tribute to Ambassador Kipkorir for his assistance in arranging the appointment with the Attorney General and others, his support with President Moi and his continuing efforts, he was pleased.

As each Ambassador was asked to speak, they based their remarks on the belief in Jesus Christ. Specifically, a summary of their comments were:

Ambassador Kipkorir (Kenya) spoke about how he appreciated the way in which the Church approached him when we perceived a problem. He said that he is used to people calling and complaining or sending letters. But we actually came to him and laid out our concers with sensitivity and understanding--face to face diplomacy was very helpful.

He talked about Kenyan's concept of "Elder" and suggested that our missionaries were too young to be called Elders. We needed to use another term for them.

After dinner, he and Senator Hatch slipped into another room and had a 20 minute substantive discussion. He was ecstatic.

Ambassador Mendouga (Cameroon) said that we all have one thing in common--our belief in Jesus Christ. He also said that we are all brothers and sisters and welcomed us into his country.

Ambassador Spio-Garbrah (Ghana) spoke about the belief in Jesus Christ and that we are brothers. He made an appeal for Liberia. He explained that while the government of Liberia created their own problems, it is our collective responsibility to help them solve their problems.

(He had been cold and reserved but warmed considerably throughout the evening. His wife remarked that he had wanted to leave early, but she was afraid they would spend the night. They were the last guests to leave.)

Each Ambassador said that their country welcomed all religions because Africans were believers. Toasts were made by the Members of Congress. Each spoke about church doctrine. Comments were insightful and spiritual.

Entertainment

Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Joyce Bennett, wife of the Senator, who played the flute. The program was well received. People lingered and talked after the entertainment. They were reluctant to leave.

Follow-Up

The Ghanian Ambassador and his wife expressed an interest in attending a sacrament service. The Ambassador of Cameroon wants to go to the Visitors' Center. Each Ambassador wants to visit Salt Lake City and expressed an interest in learning more about church doctrine. My assistant, Gloria Wilkinson, will handle the details arrangements.

Congressional Delegation

Senators Hatch and Bennett were on call for a late night vote that evening. But they promised that if they could, they would be there. We were not sure that would be possible.

After hearing about the late vote, I called Congressman McKeon to invite him to the dinner. He was attending a fundraiser that night but promised that he would be there. The Senators arrived just before dinner and Congressman McKeon and his wife arrived just after dinner started.

These Congressmen are invaluable to this office. Whenever we call, they find the time to be there or do whatever is needed. We truly appreciate their efforts to be there for this important event. A special letter will be sent to the Members of Congress.

Attendees

Ambassador and Mrs. Kipkorir, Kenya
Ambassador and Mrs. Mendouga, Cameroon
Ambassador and Mrs. Spio-Garbrah, Ghana
Mr. and Mrs. David Bradford, Novell
Senator and Mrs. Orrin Hatch
Senator and Mrs. Bob Bennett
Rep. and Mrs. Bill Orton
Rep. and Mrs. Buck McKeon
Mr. and Mrs. David Peterson, Dept. of Commerce (IAG)
Mr. and Mrs. Raul McQuivey, Sutron (IAG)

Gift

The Ambassador was given a desk clock with the inscription, "Ambassador Kipkorir, May 15, 1996, In Friendship." His wife was given a procelain rose.

Project Director: Gloria Wilkinson

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Our Dear President Hinkley:

As Pierce and I have searched our minds to find ways to thank you for your many extraordinary kindnesses we feel totally inadequate. We know you don't care for flowery thanks, however, in chronicling your generosities we have had an overwhelming sense of being at the feet of our Savior,

We were profoundly touched and sobered that you and Sister Hinkley would come to our home on a morning before a Regional Conference; a time when demands on your energies were focused on the needs of the many members who were thronging to be in your presence, to hear your voice and find guidance and solace in your counsel. Our hearts and home were suffused with a blessed feeling of peace and awe which even now we continue to feel. From that day forward my health has improved, Doctors have had new insights and I have been prompted to look in a new direction for wisdom in bringing balance to my body organs that they might have the opportunity to repair. These last several days have seen an almost miraculous turn- around.

This past week you showed us yet another unparalleled honor and blessing by asking Elder and Sister Perry to represent the Brethern at the farewell party hosted by Bill and Donna Marriott.. As Elder Perry told of being called to you office and being given a letter by you, signed by The First Presidency and then read that letter aloud we were overcome that your would do such a thing. This letter and all the love and care it encompasses is cherished and will be passed on to our grandchildren.. Elder and Sister Perry were wonderful, and the evening such a joyous success. As I said that evening, I won't need a funeral - this will suffice.

Pierce and I have talked often of your life affirming presence at ever major juncture where we needed support or love or surcease from pain, I recall you gave me enormous comfort and confidence during the early years of ERA as I was traveling about the country in response to requests for the Church's views on this subject. You were so sensitively aware, as were all the leadership of the church, that ours was a difficult position to articulate because of the climate of the nation. Interviewers and audiences were generally hostile. At a Special Affairs meeting before a General Conference we discussed this subject at some length. As we left the meeting I continued the conversation with you, expressing my concern for the gravity of the situation. You gently put your arm on my shoulder and said "Don't worry, whatever happens the Church will roll forward". I faced audiences with a new serenity and was able to confidently and vigorously pursue my points.

As we walked through the door or our home after receiving the horrendous news of Heathers death while traveling in Spain and immediately following the nightmarish trip home, the phone rang. It was you expressing condolences and assuring us "that very few die before their time", and you felt that Heather was not one of those. How could you have known the exact time of our arrival? What comfort and healing those words brought to us. .

You listened to Pierce and I as he was prompted by his dream that Heather's Temple work needed to be done immediately. You received our request one evening and called early the next morning to say that all had been arranged. You listened, loved, counseled and helped us step by step through the next actions to be taken and ultimately it was you as the living Prophet of the Lord on earth who counseled and labored with us, with the Twelve and with the Lord until there was a sure answer and glorious conclusion relating to the actions to be taken pursuant to the message of that dream.

The eternal promises you have sealed on our heads are beyond our poor powers to fully comprehend. The humbling thing about gifts of grace is that these gifts can never be repaid. I hope you will understand why we felt it necessary to let you know that we know how blessed we have been by the Lord through you as His instrument. This recounting has made us ever more aware of who you are and of who the Savior is.

May the Lord's choicest blessings be with you and with Sister Hinkley. May health and energy abound (or at least be available) to keep you moving about the globe that members may know the joy of being in the presence of their Prophet, that temples be built and nations be blessed by your presence. Please know that there is no task too small or too large that we would not attempt should you or any of the Brethern ask. In the meantime we shall bask in time together, with our family, in our Ward and in the Temple..

Again, our love.

Lovingly yours Lurie

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May 20, 1997

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Dear Sister Campbell:

In recognition of your recent retirement, we are pleased to express our love and gratitude for your meaningful service and significant contribution to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Your noble efforts as Director of Public Communications for the North America Northeast Area and as Director of International Affairs have been highly effective in presenting to the world the true and proper spirit of the Church and of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are grateful for the long-term benefit which will be derived by the Church through the positive relationships which you have helped establish with the diplomatic missions of many countries in Washington, D.C. and in New York City. Men and women of goodwill from around the world have achieved a better understanding of the mission of the Church and have, largely through your good work and the labor of your associates, developed a special feeling of support for members of the Church here and in their home countries.

We express our best wishes and warm regards and pray the Lord will continue to bless you and your family in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon B. Hinckley
Thomas S. Monson
James E. Faust
The First Presidency